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8 SYNOPSIS: The owner of a vessel is required to
9 register the vessel on an annual basis. As a part
10 of the registration, the owner applies for a number
11 assigned to the vessel. The owner is required to
12 paint or attach the number to each side of the bow
13 of the vessel and to attach decals for annual
14 registration.

15 This bill would require the Alabama Law
16 Enforcement Agency to issue five-year
17 identification number stickers to be placed on both
18 sides of the bow of the vessel. The cost of the
19 identification number stickers, upon collection,
20 would be paid to the Department of Conservation and
21 Natural Resources earmarked for the operation of
22 the state parks.

23 The bill would further authorize the owner
24 of a vessel to obtain identification stickers
25 supporting any organization authorized to obtain a
26 distinctive motor vehicle license tag. The design
27 of these various stickers would be subject to

1 approval by the Joint Legislative Oversight
2 Committee on License Tags and the secretary of the
3 agency. The cost of distinctive identification
4 stickers would be \$50, with \$25 earmarked for the
5 supported organization or fund and \$25 earmarked to
6 the Department of Conservation and Natural
7 Resources for the operation of the state parks.

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9 A BILL
10 TO BE ENTITLED
11 AN ACT

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13 Relating to the registration of vessels; to amend
14 Section 33-5-11 of the Code of Alabama 1975, relating to the
15 numbering of vessels; to provide for identification number
16 stickers to be issued by the Alabama Law Enforcement Agency;
17 to authorize identification stickers supporting organizations
18 under certain conditions; and to provide for fees and
19 distribution.

20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

21 Section 1. Section 33-5-11 of the Code of Alabama
22 1975, is amended to read as follows:

23 "§33-5-11.

24 "(a) ~~The~~ Except as otherwise provided in subsection
25 (b), the owner of each vessel requiring numbering by this
26 state shall file an application for a number with the probate
27 judges' offices, or license commissioner, in the county of

1 residence of the purchaser, or the county in which the vessel
2 is domiciled, or in the county where the vessel is purchased,
3 or if purchased out of state, in the county of residence of
4 the purchaser, or in the county where the vessel is domiciled
5 on forms approved by the ~~Department of Conservation and~~
6 ~~Natural Resources~~ Alabama Law Enforcement Agency. The
7 application shall be filed by the owner of the vessel and
8 shall be accompanied by a fee in accordance with Section
9 33-5-17. Upon receipt of the application and its approval by
10 the authorized issuing officer, the officer shall enter the
11 same upon the records and issue to the applicant a certificate
12 of registration stating the number awarded to the vessel, the
13 name and address of the owner, and a description of the
14 vessel. The owner shall ~~paint on or~~ attach to each side of the
15 bow of the vessel ~~the annual~~ an identification number sticker
16 valid for five years issued in such manner as may be
17 prescribed by rules ~~and regulations~~ of the ~~Department of~~
18 ~~Conservation and Natural Resources~~ Alabama Law Enforcement
19 Agency, that it may be clearly visible and be of such size as
20 required by the Federal Boating Act of 1958 or any subsequent
21 amendment thereto. The number shall be maintained in legible
22 condition. The certificate of registration shall be pocket
23 size and shall be available at all times for inspection on the
24 vessel for which issued whenever the vessel is in operation.
25 Each pair of five-year identification number stickers shall be
26 furnished by the agency for a cost of twenty dollars (\$20)
27 plus an additional two dollar (\$2) issuance fee. The issuance

1 fee shall be paid to the issuing officer in each county. The
2 proceeds from the issuance of the stickers, less the issuance
3 fee and cost of production and processing, shall be paid to
4 the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources earmarked
5 for the state parks.

6 "(b) In lieu of the regular identification number
7 stickers issued by the agency and subject to certain
8 transition provisions as further provided in subsection (c),
9 the owner of a vessel may request five-year distinctive
10 identification stickers showing support for any organization
11 approved for the issuance of distinctive motor vehicle license
12 tags as provided pursuant to Section 32-6-64. The design and
13 use of the stickers shall be approved by the Joint Legislative
14 Oversight Committee on License Tags created pursuant to
15 Section 32-6-67 and the secretary of the agency. The
16 additional cost of distinctive identification stickers for a
17 vessel shall be fifty dollars (\$50). Except as provided in
18 subsection (c), twenty-five dollars (\$25) of the proceeds
19 shall be distributed to the organization sponsoring the
20 distinctive license tag and twenty-five dollars (\$25) less any
21 additional cost of production and processing, shall be
22 distributed to the Department of Conservation and Natural
23 Resources earmarked for the operation of the state parks.

24 "(c) If the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on
25 License Tags has approved a distinctive design for a motor
26 vehicle license tag that does not currently provide revenue to
27 a sponsoring organization, the fifty dollars (\$50) additional

1 cost, less any additional cost of production and processing,
2 shall be distributed to the Department of Conservation and
3 Natural Resources earmarked for the operation of the state
4 parks.

5 "(d) Notwithstanding subsection (b), the first
6 period for the issuance of a distinctive identification
7 sticker after approval by the joint committee shall be for a
8 period corresponding to the end of the current period of
9 registration for distinctive motor vehicle license tags for
10 the same sponsoring organization. The distinctive
11 identification stickers may then be renewed for five years on
12 the anniversary date for the renewal of a distinctive motor
13 vehicle license tag for the same sponsoring organization."

14 Section 2. This act shall be implemented on October
15 1, 2016.

16 Section 3. All laws or parts of laws which conflict
17 with this act are repealed.

18 Section 4. This act shall become effective
19 immediately following its passage and approval by the
20 Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.