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HOUSE BILL 836

Short Title: Motorboat Licenses.

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Sponsors: Representative Brawley.

Referred to: Transportation.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE OPERATOR OF A MOTORBOAT TO OBTAIN AND
POSSESS A MOTORBOAT OPERATOR'S LICENSE.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. G.S. 75A of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new section to read:

"§ 75A-9.2. Motorboat operator's license.

(a) No person shall operate a motorboat upon the waters of this State without obtaining a valid motorboat operator's license issued by the Wildlife Resources Commission and having that license on their person or on board the motorboat during operation.

(b) Persons applying for a motorboat operator's license must be 14 years of age or older and must pass a written examination on boating safety prepared by the Wildlife Resources Commission. The Wildlife Resources Commission shall charge a one-time license fee of ten dollars (\$10.00) for each license issued. The license may be revoked by the Wildlife Resources Commission at any time for cause.

(c) Persons 14 years of age or older who have, within the preceding five years, satisfactorily completed a basic boating course given by either the Wildlife Resources Commission, the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, or the U.S. Power Squadron, may be awarded a motorboat operator's license upon presentation of a valid certificate of completion.

(d) The following persons are exempt from the requirements of this section:

(1) Persons holding a valid Coast Guard license;

- 1 (2) Persons engaged in commercial fishing and currently registered with
2 the Department of Environment, Health, and Natural Resources;
3 (3) Federal, State, local government, and rescue personnel when engaged
4 in their official duties;
5 (4) Persons whose principal place of residence is not within this State;
6 (5) Persons acting under emergency conditions."
7 Sec. 2. This act becomes effective January 1, 1992.