

BILL ANALYSIS

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H.B. 384
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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

Some interested parties are concerned that the prohibited use of a registration decal for certain vessels, although currently addressed in law, remains an issue. H.B. 384 seeks to strengthen provisions of law prohibiting such use by specifying and defining the violation of fraudulent use of Parks and Wildlife Department registration decals as applied to boats and the sale of boats.

H.B. 384 amends current law relating to the proper identification of boats and outboard motors, and creates an offense.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 31.033, Parks and Wildlife Code, by adding Subsection (c) to prohibit any person from displaying on a vessel a registration decal that is altered, fraudulent, or issued under a certificate of number assigned to another vessel.

SECTION 2. Amends Section 31.043, Parks and Wildlife Code, by adding Subsection (c-1) to prohibit any person from intentionally selling, offering to sell, or purchasing a vessel with a hull identification number, or an outboard motor with a serial number, that has been altered, defaced, mutilated, or removed.

SECTION 3. Amends Section 31.127(b), Parks and Wildlife Code, to provide that a person who violates Section 31.043(c-1) commits an offense that is a Class A Parks and Wildlife Code misdemeanor. Makes a nonsubstantive change.

SECTION 4. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2011.