

BILL ANALYSIS

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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

It has been suggested that the process for obtaining a title for an outboard motor is costly, time-consuming, and difficult. Older, antique motors are attractive to those less able to buy new, higher cost motors but still require titling under this onerous process. H.B. 2450 seeks to make it easier for Texans to use these antique motors legally for recreational purposes and encourage their preservation by exempting certain antique outboard motors from certificate of title requirements.

H.B. 2450 amends current law relating to antique outboard motors.

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 31.003, Parks and Wildlife Code, by adding Subdivision (19), to define "antique outboard motor" for purposes of Chapter 31 (Water Safety).

SECTION 2. Amends Section 31.055, Parks and Wildlife Code, as follows:

Sec. 31.055. Provides that Chapter 31 (Water Safety) does not apply to an antique outboard motor with a capacity of not more than 25 horsepower. Makes a conforming and a nonsubstantive change.

SECTION 3. Effective date: September 1, 2021.