

By: Representative Hood

To: Wildlife, Fisheries and
Parks

HOUSE BILL NO. 654

1 AN ACT TO EXEMPT ALL PRIVATELY OWNED, RECREATIONAL BOATS
2 MANUFACTURED BEFORE JANUARY 1, 1965, WHICH ARE REGISTERED WITH THE
3 DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE, FISHERIES AND PARKS FROM THE THREE YEAR
4 REGISTRATION RENEWAL REQUIREMENT; TO REQUIRE THE BOAT REGISTRATION
5 NUMBER TO BE PLACED ON THE INSIDE OF THE BOAT; TO REQUIRE THE
6 ORIGINAL MANUFACTURER, MODEL NUMBER AND SERIAL NUMBER OF THE BOAT,
7 IF KNOWN, TO BE PLACED ON THE BOAT REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE; TO
8 BRING FORWARD SECTION 59-21-19, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, FOR
9 PURPOSES OF POSSIBLE AMENDMENT; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

11 **SECTION 1.** All privately owned, recreational boats
12 manufactured before January 1, 1965, which are registered with the
13 Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks are exempt
14 from the three (3) year registration renewal requirement as
15 provided in Section 59-21-19. Such boats must have the boat
16 registration number placed on the inside of the boat, and the
17 original manufacturer, model number and serial number of the boat,
18 if known, must be placed on the boat registration certificate.

19 **SECTION 2.** Section 59-21-19, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
20 brought forward as follows:



21 59-21-19. (1) The certificate of number shall be
22 pocket-size, approximately two and one-half inches (2-1/2") by
23 three and one-half inches (3-1/2"), and water resistant.

24 (2) Pending the issuance of the original certificate of
25 number, the owner of the vessel may be furnished a temporary
26 certificate of number valid for sixty (60) days from the date of
27 issue. This temporary certificate shall be carried on board when
28 the vessel is being operated.

29 (3) Each applicant for an original or transfer certificate
30 of number, who is entitled to issuance thereof, shall be issued a
31 certificate for a period of three (3) years from the last day of
32 the month of receipt of the original or transfer certificate.
33 This subsection shall not apply to the certificate of number of a
34 livery boat.

35 (4) The certificate of number of a livery boat shall be
36 plainly marked "livery boat." The description of the motor and
37 type of fuel will be omitted from the certificate of number in any
38 case where the motor is not rented with the boat. Original and
39 renewal certificates of number of a livery boat shall be valid for
40 a period of three (3) years and shall expire at midnight on June
41 30.

42 (5) Numbers and certificates of number awarded boats
43 operated by manufacturers and dealers may be transferred from one
44 (1) boat to another. In lieu of the description, the word
45 "manufacturer" or "dealer," as appropriate, will be plainly marked



46 on each certificate. The manufacturer or dealer may have the
47 number awarded printed upon or attached to a removable sign or
48 signs to be temporarily mounted upon or attached to the boat being
49 demonstrated or tested so long as the display meets the
50 requirements of Section 59-21-9.

51 **SECTION 3.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
52 and after July 1, 2023.

