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House Bill 4113

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Committee: Tourism & Recreation

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A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 4113 AS INTRODUCED 2-2-93

The Marine Safety Act provides for the registration of both motorized and non-motorized vessels used for recreational, commercial or rental purposes, and imposes various fees on vessel owners based on the size and type of vessel owned. The bill would amend the act to require the secretary of state to refund to the owner of a vessel registered under the act all of the registration fee paid for that vessel if the owner 1) transferred or assigned title or interest in the registered vessel before attaching to it the decal required to be put on it, as required by the act, and 2) surrendered the decal to the secretary of state within 30 days after the date of transfer or assignment. In addition, the secretary of state would have to refund to the surviving spouse of a deceased vessel owner the registration fee paid pursuant to the act, prorated on a monthly basis, after receiving from the owner the decal issued to him or her, or after it had been given sufficient evidence that the decal had been destroyed or voided.

The act now specifies that a vessel "manufactured before 1940" and used solely as a collector's item for show is an "historic vessel," and must be marked appropriately. (The registration fee imposed on such vessels is one-third that imposed for a non-historic vessel.) Under the bill, a vessel would be considered "historic" if it was 30 years of age or older.

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