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H 237. BOAT AGENT FEES. *TO INCREASE THE FEE PAID TO AGENTS OF THE WILDLIFE RESOURCES COMMISSION TO AWARD CERTIFICATES OF BOAT NUMBER OR OTHER VESSEL TRANSACTION AND TO AMEND THE DUTIES OF THE WILDLIFE RESOURCES COMMISSION WITH REGARD TO THE APPOINTMENT OF AGENTS FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOAT NUMBERS, TO RAISE THE REPORTING REQUIREMENT FOR BOATING ACCIDENTS TO DAMAGES IN EXCESS OF FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS, AND TO REPEAL THE LAW REQUIRING PERMITS FROM THE WILDLIFE RESOURCES COMMISSION TO HOLD REGATTAS AND OTHER EVENTS.* Amends GS 75A-5 to provide that (1) Wildlife Resources Comm'n agents who issue vessel transactions may receive following commissions: \$1.25 for renewal of vessel registration; \$3 for transfer of ownership and registration of vessel; \$3 for issuance of new certificate of vessel number and registration; \$.50 for issuance of duplicate vessel registration; and \$3 for issuance, transfer, duplication, or lien recordation of vessel title (now, provides for fee of \$.50 for awarding certificate of number); (2) Wildlife Resources Comm'n may establish administrative guidelines prescribing, among other matters, qualifications and duties of agents, procedures to assure accountability and security for proceeds and unissued certificates of number; and requirements for security bonds and specifies duties of executive director in carrying out guidelines; and (3) agents are assessed a penalty of 25% of their commission for late remittances to the Comm'n. Amends GS 75A-11 to increase from \$100 to \$500 the threshold amount of property damage from vessel accident before accident must be reported to Comm'n. Repeals GS 75A-14 authorizing Comm'n to allow regattas and motor boat races. Effective July 1, 1999.

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GS 75A