

March 24, 2005

S 948. AMEND BOATING SAFETY/VESSEL TITLING LAW. TO MAKE VARIOUS AMENDMENTS TO THE BOATING SAFETY AND VESSEL TITLING LAW. Makes numerous stylistic and clarifying changes to GS Chapter 75A. Consolidates provisions dealing with appointment of agents to handle vessel transactions into new GS 75A-5.2. Specifies the compensation for private agents and gives Wildlife Resources Commission the authority to use private agents or its own employees or both. Provides that Commission has authority to issue rules to regulate its relationship with agents and specifies conduct by agents that constitute criminal activity. Amends GS 75A-6 to add additional category of vessel (now, motorboats): vessels over 65 feet long. Amends GS 75A-10.2 to require reporting of disappearance indicating death or injury in addition to other reporting requirements and to raise physical damage threshold for reporting accidents to \$2,000. Specifies details of a new reporting requirement to law enforcement agency in cases involving death or disappearance. Adds new GS 75A-16.1 directing Commission to institute and coordinate a statewide course of instruction in boating safety. Amends GS 75A-34 to require titling of vessel 14 feet or longer that is being registered for the first time or has a new owner who is registering it. Allows, but does not require, titling of other vessels. Makes numerous other technical changes to the statutes regulating the titling and transfer of vessels. Effective January 1, 2005, and applies to acts occurring on and after that date.

Intro. by Hoyle.

Ref. to Agriculture

GS 75A

August 9, 2005

S 948. AMEND BOATING SAFETY/VESSEL TITLING LAW. Intro. 3/24/05. Senate committee substitute makes the following changes to 1st edition. Substantially reorganizes and clarifies the provisions of Article 1 of GS Chapter 75A. Adds a 50-cent fee for issuance of a duplicate certificate of number. Deletes provisions of GS 75A-5.2(f) relating to detailed rules. Defines the term "occurrence" as a collision, accident, casualty or other similar occurrence and makes conforming changes in GS 75A-11. Sets 30-day deadline for boating safety course providers to submit to the Wildlife Resources Comm'n course of instruction a list of the names of all persons who successfully completed the course. Adds new GS 75A-17(c) through (f) to provide that law enforcement vessels may use a flashing blue light on the waters when engaged in law enforcement or public safety activities. Makes it a Class 2 misdemeanor for a vessel to fail to stop when directed to do so by a law enforcement officer. Makes it a Class 1 misdemeanor for other vessels to use a blue light. Requires vessels to slow to a no-wake speed when passing within 50 yards of a law enforcement vessel displaying a flashing blue light; violation is a Class 3 misdemeanor. Makes other technical changes. Changes effective date from January 1, 2005 to January 1, 2006.

June 1, 2006

S 948. AMEND BOATING SAFETY/VESSEL TITLING LAW. Filed 3/23/2005. Senate committee substitute makes the following changes to 2nd edition of Senate Bill 948, which makes numerous change to laws governing boating safety and vessel titling. Defines the term "underway." Modifies GS 75A-5(j) to delete the \$5.00 fee charged to persons who fail to notify the Wildlife Resources Commission (WRC) within 30 days of moving of a change of address on their certificate of number, and removes provisions requiring WRC to deny renewal or reissuance of the certificate of number until the fee is paid. Makes similar changes to change of address provisions for certificates of title in GS 75A-36. Deletes \$0.50 that commission vessel agents would receive for issuance of a duplicate certificate of title in proposed GS 75A-5.2. Replaces numerous references to the Uniform Waterway Marking System with references to the United States Aids to Navigation System. Changes effective date from January 1, 2006, to January 1, 2007.

July 13, 2006

S 948. AMEND BOATING SAFETY/VESSEL TITLING LAW. Filed 3/23/05. House amendment makes the following changes to 3rd edition. The third edition adds a provision to GS 75A-17 that

requires vessels to slow to a no-wake speed when passing within 50 yards of a law enforcement vehicle displaying a flashing blue light. The amendment modifies the 50-yard distance as follows: in general a vessel must slow to a no-wake speed of within 100 feet of a law enforcement vessel displaying a flashing blue light, but if the vessels are in a narrow channel, the distance is reduced to 50 feet.

August 4, 2006

SL 2006-185 (S 948). AMEND BOATING SAFETY/VESSEL TITLING LAW. AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS AMENDMENTS TO THE BOATING SAFETY AND VESSEL TITLING LAW. Summarized in *Daily Bulletin* 3/24/05, 8/9/05, 6/1/06, and 7/13/06. Enacted August 3, 2006. Effective January 1, 2007.