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HOUSE BILL 26-1197

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House Committees

Agriculture, Water & Natural Resources
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Senate Committees

A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING THE CONTINUATION OF THE VESSEL REGISTRATION**
102 **PROGRAM.**

Bill Summary

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://leg.colorado.gov/>.)

Sunset Process - House Agriculture, Water, and Natural Resources Committee. The bill continues the registration program for vessels until September 1, 2036.

1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.
Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material to be added to existing law.
Dashes through the words or numbers indicate deletions from existing law.

HOUSE
Amended 2nd Reading
March 24, 2026

1 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-34-104, **repeal**
2 (27)(a)(IV); and **add** (37)(a)(III) as follows:

3 **24-34-104. General assembly review of regulatory agencies**
4 **and functions for repeal, continuation, or reestablishment - legislative**
5 **declaration - repeal.**

6 (27) (a) The following agencies, functions, or both, are scheduled
7 for repeal on September 1, 2026:

8 (IV) ~~The registration and regulation of vessels by the department~~
9 ~~of natural resources in accordance with article 13 of title 33, C.R.S.;~~

10 (37) (a) The following agencies, functions, or both, are scheduled
11 for repeal on September 1, 2036:

12 (III) THE REGISTRATION AND REGULATION OF VESSELS BY THE
13 DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE 13
14 OF TITLE 33.

15 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **amend** 33-13-116 as
16 follows:

17 **33-13-116. Repeal of sections.**

18 Sections 33-13-103, 33-13-104, 33-13-105, and 33-13-107 and this
19 section are repealed, effective ~~September 1, 2026~~ SEPTEMBER 1, 2036.
20 Prior to the repeal, the function of registration and regulation of vessels
21 shall be reviewed as provided for in section 24-34-104.

22 **SECTION 3.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 33-13-102, **amend**
23 (5); and **add** (5.3) as follows:

24 **33-13-102. Definitions.**

25 As used in this article 13, unless the context otherwise requires:

26 (5) (a) "Vessel" means every ~~description of watercraft~~ TYPE OF
27 WATERCRAFT, EXCEPT A SEAPLANE ON THE WATER, used or capable of

1 being used as a means of transportation of persons and property on the
2 water, including all types of stand-up paddleboards BUT DOES NOT
3 INCLUDE FISHING AIDS, AIR MATTRESSES, BEACH AND WATER TOYS, OR
4 INNER TUBES.

5 (b) "Vessel" does not include:

6 (I) Any single-chambered, air-inflated devices that are not
7 stand-up paddleboards; or

8 (II) Seaplanes.

9 (5.3) "VESSEL LIVERY" MEANS A PERSON THAT ADVERTISES AND
10 OFFERS A VESSEL FOR RENT OR LEASE TO ANOTHER PERSON IN EXCHANGE
11 FOR ANY KIND OF PAYMENT.

12 **SECTION 4.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **amend** 33-13-107 as
13 follows:

14 **33-13-107. Vessel liveries - repeal.**

15 (1) ~~The owner or operator of~~ A vessel livery shall keep a record
16 of the name and address of each person ~~who~~ THAT hires any vessel that
17 is designed or permitted to be operated as a vessel, the hull identification
18 number of the vessel, and the departure date and time and the expected
19 date and time of return of the vessel. Such records shall be preserved for
20 at least ~~thirty days~~ THREE YEARS after the vessel is to be returned and ~~shall~~
21 ~~be~~ ARE subject to inspection by the division. Any person ~~who~~ THAT
22 violates this subsection (1) commits a civil infraction and, upon
23 conviction, shall be punished by a fine of one hundred dollars.

24 (2) ~~Neither the owner nor operator of~~ A vessel livery ~~nor such~~
25 ~~owner's or operator's~~ OR THE VESSEL LIVERY'S agent or employee shall
26 NOT permit any vessel to depart from ~~his or her~~ THE VESSEL LIVERY'S
27 premises unless such vessel is equipped and registered as required by this

1 article 13 and rules ~~promulgated~~ ADOPTED pursuant to this article 13. Any
2 person ~~who~~ THAT violates this subsection (2) commits a civil infraction
3 and, upon conviction, shall be punished by a fine of one hundred dollars.

4 **SECTION 5.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 33-17-107.1, **amend**
5 (4) and (5) as follows:

6 **33-13-107.1. Minimum age of motorboat operators - penalty**
7 **- exception.**

8 (4) ~~Neither an owner or operator of A vessel livery nor OR an~~
9 ~~agent or employee of such owner or operator~~ THE VESSEL LIVERY shall
10 NOT lease, hire, or rent a motorboat to or for operation by any individual
11 under eighteen ~~years of age~~ YEARS OLD; except that an individual fourteen
12 ~~years of age~~ YEARS OLD or older who has not reached the individual's
13 eighteenth birthday may be permitted or authorized to operate a
14 motorboat if the individual has met the boating safety and certificate
15 requirements of subsection (2) of this section.

16 (5) Any ~~individual who~~ PERSON THAT violates this section
17 commits a civil infraction and, upon conviction, shall be punished by a
18 fine of one hundred dollars.

19 **SECTION 6.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 33-32-102, **amend**
20 (8) as follows:

21 **33-32-102. Definitions.**

22 As used in this article 32, unless the context otherwise requires:

23 (8) (a) "Vessel" means every ~~description of watercraft~~ TYPE OF
24 WATERCRAFT, EXCEPT A SEAPLANE ON THE WATER, used or capable of
25 being used as a means of transportation of persons and property on the
26 water, ~~including all types of stand-up paddleboards~~ BUT DOES NOT
27 INCLUDE FISHING AIDS, AIR MATTRESSES, BEACH AND WATER TOYS, OR

1 INNER TUBES.

2 (b) "Vessel" does not include:

3 (f) ~~Any single-chambered, air-inflated devices that are not~~
4 ~~stand-up paddleboards; or~~

5 (H) ~~Seaplanes.~~

6 **SECTION 7. Act subject to petition - effective date**

7 **applicability.** (1) This act takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following
8 the expiration of the ninety-day period after final adjournment of the
9 general assembly (August 12, 2026, if adjournment sine die is on May 13,
10 2026); except that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1
11 (3) of article V of the state constitution against this act or an item, section,
12 or part of this act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part
13 will not take effect unless approved by the people at the general election
14 to be held in November 2026 and, in such case, will take effect on the
15 date of the official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.

16 (2) This act applies to conduct occurring on or after the applicable
17 effective date of this act.