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H.B. No. 384

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT  
2 relating to the proper identification of boats and outboard motors;  
3 creating an offense.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

5 SECTION 1. Section 31.033, Parks and Wildlife Code, is  
6 amended by adding Subsection (c) to read as follows:

7 (c) No person may display on a vessel a registration decal  
8 that is altered, fraudulent, or issued under a certificate of  
9 number assigned to another vessel.

10 SECTION 2. Section 31.043, Parks and Wildlife Code, is  
11 amended by adding Subsection (c-1) to read as follows:

12 (c-1) No person may intentionally sell, offer to sell, or  
13 purchase a vessel with a hull identification number, or an outboard  
14 motor with a serial number, that has been altered, defaced,  
15 mutilated, or removed.

16 SECTION 3. Section 31.127(b), Parks and Wildlife Code, is  
17 amended to read as follows:

18 (b) A person who violates Section 31.043(c) or 31.096 [~~of~~  
19 ~~this code~~] commits an offense that is a Class B Parks and Wildlife  
20 Code misdemeanor. A person who violates Section 31.043(c-1)  
21 commits an offense that is a Class A Parks and Wildlife Code  
22 misdemeanor.

23 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
24 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as

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1 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
2 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
3 Act takes effect September 1, 2011.