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H.B. No. 384

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the proper identification of boats and outboard motors.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this

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1 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this

2 Act takes effect September 1, 2011.