

1-1 By: Menendez (Senate Sponsor - Wentworth) H.B. No. 384
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 26, 2011;
1-3 April 29, 2011, read first time and referred to Committee on
1-4 Transportation and Homeland Security; May 19, 2011, reported
1-5 favorably by the following vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0; May 19, 2011,
1-6 sent to printer.)

1-7 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-8 AN ACT

1-9 relating to the proper identification of boats and outboard motors;
1-10 creating an offense.

1-11 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-12 SECTION 1. Section 31.033, Parks and Wildlife Code, is
1-13 amended by adding Subsection (c) to read as follows:

1-14 (c) No person may display on a vessel a registration decal
1-15 that is altered, fraudulent, or issued under a certificate of
1-16 number assigned to another vessel.

1-17 SECTION 2. Section 31.043, Parks and Wildlife Code, is
1-18 amended by adding Subsection (c-1) to read as follows:

1-19 (c-1) No person may intentionally sell, offer to sell, or
1-20 purchase a vessel with a hull identification number, or an outboard
1-21 motor with a serial number, that has been altered, defaced,
1-22 mutilated, or removed.

1-23 SECTION 3. Section 31.127(b), Parks and Wildlife Code, is
1-24 amended to read as follows:

1-25 (b) A person who violates Section 31.043(c) or 31.096 [~~of~~
1-26 ~~this code~~] commits an offense that is a Class B Parks and Wildlife
1-27 Code misdemeanor. A person who violates Section 31.043(c-1)
1-28 commits an offense that is a Class A Parks and Wildlife Code
1-29 misdemeanor.

1-30 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
1-31 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
1-32 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
1-33 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
1-34 Act takes effect September 1, 2011.

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