

1-1 By: Larson (Senate Sponsor - Uresti) H.B. No. 115
 1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 4, 2013;
 1-3 April 17, 2013, read first time and referred to Committee on
 1-4 Natural Resources; May 8, 2013, reported favorably by the
 1-5 following vote: Yeas 10, Nays 0; May 8, 2013, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-19 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-20 AN ACT

1-21 relating to identification numbers on vessels.
 1-22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
 1-23 SECTION 1. Section 31.021(b), Parks and Wildlife Code, is
 1-24 amended to read as follows:
 1-25 (b) No person may operate or give permission for the
 1-26 operation of any vessel or may dock, moor, or store a vessel owned
 1-27 by the person on the water of this state unless:
 1-28 (1) the vessel is numbered as required by this
 1-29 chapter;
 1-30 (2) the certificate of number awarded to the vessel is
 1-31 in full force and effect; and
 1-32 (3) the identifying number set forth in the
 1-33 certificate is properly displayed on ~~[each side of the bow of]~~ the
 1-34 vessel as required by this chapter.
 1-35 SECTION 2. The heading to Section 31.032, Parks and
 1-36 Wildlife Code, is amended to read as follows:
 1-37 Sec. 31.032. NUMBERING LOCATION AND VISIBILITY; EXEMPTION;
 1-38 DECAL [ON BOW].
 1-39 SECTION 3. Section 31.032, Parks and Wildlife Code, is
 1-40 amended by amending Subsections (a) and (c) and adding Subsection
 1-41 (a-1) to read as follows:
 1-42 (a) The owner of a vessel shall paint on or attach to each
 1-43 side of the forward half of the vessel ~~[near the bow]~~ the
 1-44 identification number and a registration ~~[validation]~~ decal in the
 1-45 manner prescribed by the department. The number shall read from
 1-46 left to right and shall be of block characters of good proportion of
 1-47 not less than three inches in height. The numbers shall be of a
 1-48 color which will contrast with the hull material of the vessel and
 1-49 so maintained as to be clearly visible and legible.
 1-50 (a-1) On a vessel configured so that a number on the hull or
 1-51 superstructure is not easily visible, the number must be painted on
 1-52 or attached to a backing plate that is attached to the forward half
 1-53 of the vessel so that the number is visible from each side of the
 1-54 vessel.
 1-55 (c) The commission shall adopt rules for the placement of
 1-56 the registration ~~[validation]~~ decal in an alternate location for
 1-57 antique boats. In this subsection, "antique boat" means a boat
 1-58 that:
 1-59 (1) is used primarily for recreational purposes; and
 1-60 (2) was manufactured 35 or more years before the date
 1-61 the registration ~~[validation]~~ decal is issued.

2-1 SECTION 4. Sections 31.033(a) and (b), Parks and Wildlife
2-2 Code, are amended to read as follows:

2-3 (a) No person may paint, attach, or otherwise display on the
2-4 forward half [~~either side of the bow~~] of a vessel a number other
2-5 than the number awarded to the vessel or granted reciprocity under
2-6 this chapter.

2-7 (b) No person may deface or alter the certificate of number
2-8 or the number assigned to and appearing on [~~the bow of~~] a vessel.

2-9 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

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