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H.B. No. 4503

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the proof of ownership required for the registration of certain boats.

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

SECTION 1. Section 31.036, Parks and Wildlife Code, is amended by amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (a-1) to read as follows:

(a) Except as provided by Subsection (a-1), a [A] certificate of title is required as proof of ownership of a vessel for which a certificate of number is sought.

(a-1) A certificate of title is not required under Subsection (a) if:

(1) the vessel for which a certificate of number is sought is more than 25 years old; and

(2) the owner of the vessel includes in an application for a number:

(A) proof of purchase of the vessel;

(B) proof of inheritance of the vessel; or

(C) a written statement acknowledging that boat theft is a felony.

SECTION 2. (a) As soon as practicable after the effective date of this Act, the Parks and Wildlife Commission shall adopt rules necessary to implement Section 31.036, Parks and Wildlife Code, as amended by this Act.

1           (b) The changes in law made by this Act apply only to an  
2 application for a certificate of number submitted to the Parks and  
3 Wildlife Department on or after the effective date of this Act. An  
4 application for a certificate of number submitted before the  
5 effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect when the  
6 application was submitted, and the former law is continued in  
7 effect for that purpose.

8           SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.