



Division of Boating and Waterways

STAFF REPORT: Legislative Update

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SUBJECT: California Legislation

Summary

This report provides summary excerpts and the status of legislation affecting the Division of Boating and Waterways. Information contained in this report is accurate as of July 29, 2021.

CALIFORNIA LEGISLATION UPDATE

Assembly Bill 591 (Villapudua) Vessels: arrests.

Summary: This bill would authorize peace officers to issue a “fix-it ticket” for the following vessel-related violations: (1) expired vessel registration; (2) failure to paint the vessel identification number on the forward half of the boat; (3) operating a vessel without possessing an operating license; (4) failure to display registration stickers on a vessel; (5) using a recreational boat without a proper floatation device; (6) operating a boat without a properly serviced fire extinguisher; and (7) having a fire extinguisher without the proper metallic name plate.

Status: Signed, Chapter 57, Statutes of 2021.

Assembly Bill 817 (Wood) Sport fishing licenses: 12-consecutive-month licenses.

Summary: This bill would authorize the Department of Fish and Wildlife to provide an electronic or mobile device option for fishing licenses on or before January 1, 2023; and issue 12-consecutive-month sport fishing licenses until 2030, as specified. This bill would require DFW to submit a report to the Legislature, by January 1, 2025 with recommendations on increasing fishing license fees, as well as comprehensive evaluative Legislative report evaluating program and participant impacts resulting from these authorized changes, by January 1, 2028, as specified.

Status: Referred to Senate Appropriations Committee.

Commission Action

For information only

Attachments