

6438-S

Sponsor(s): Senate Committee on Highways & Transportation
(originally sponsored by Senators Horn, Haugen, Swecker, Oke and Esser)

Brief Description: Assisting vessel registration enforcement.

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(AS OF SENATE 2ND READING 2/12/04)

Provides that an owner of a vessel that is not registered as required by chapter 88.02 RCW and for which watercraft excise tax is due under chapter 82.49 RCW is liable for a penalty in the following amount: (1) One hundred dollars for the owner's first violation;

(2) Two hundred dollars for the owner's second violation involving the same or any other vessel; or

(3) Four hundred dollars for the owner's third and successive violations involving the same or any other vessel.

Authorizes the department to collect this penalty under the procedures established in chapter 82.32 RCW.

Provides that a marina that leases permanent moorage to vessels must require the designated information from the lessee as a condition of leasing moorage space.

Requires a marina to maintain records of this information for at least two years. The marina shall permit any authorized agent of the department of revenue to inspect these records upon request.

Provides that a marina that leases permanent moorage to vessels must require proof of vessel registration or a written statement of intent to register a vessel as a condition of leasing moorage space. If the applicant's vessel is not registered in this state, the marina must inform the moorage applicant of the state law requiring vessel registration and direct the moorage applicant to the appropriate vessel registration forms. After this, it is the moorage applicant's responsibility to register the vessel.