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House Bill 2777

Sponsored by Representative SMITH DB; Representative WRIGHT (Presession filed.)

CHAPTER ..................................................

AN ACT

Relating to boats; creating new provisions; and amending ORS 830.430.

Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:

SECTION 1. Section 2 of this 2021 Act is added to and made a part of ORS 830.430 to 830.465.

SECTION 2. (1) The State Marine Board, by rule, shall provide for optional charter boat licensing if the boat is used to carry fewer than seven passengers for hire for angling, sightseeing or other recreational purposes.

(2) Upon request of a person, the board may issue a charter boat license for a boat that meets the requirements of rules adopted under this section.

(3) A boat that is licensed as a charter boat under this section is subject to the same provisions, conditions, fees and other requirements as are other charter boats under ORS chapter 830.

SECTION 3. ORS 830.430 is amended to read:

830.430. As used in ORS 830.430 to 830.465 and 830.997:

(1) “Charter boat” means:

(a) A boat used to carry seven or more passengers for hire for angling, sightseeing or other recreational purposes; or

(b) A boat that is licensed under section 2 of this 2021 Act.

(2) “Charter boat” does not include a “passenger vessel” or “small passenger vessel,” as defined by the State Marine Board by rule, that:

(a) Has been inspected and documented by the United States Coast Guard;

(b) Carries more than 12 passengers for hire; and

(c) Operates east of the demarcation lines described in the International Collision Regulations at Sea of 1972 on waters identified by the board by rule.