

Assembly Bill No. 128–Assemblywoman
Bustamante Adams

CHAPTER.....

AN ACT relating to watercraft; exempting a person from the payment of a fee for the management of an aquatic invasive species under certain circumstances; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

Under existing law, a person may not operate a vessel on the waters of this State without paying to the Department of Wildlife an aquatic invasive species fee and displaying on the vessel a decal issued by the Department as evidence of payment. (NRS 488.536) This bill exempts a person from the requirement to pay the fee and display the decal on the vessel if the person operates the vessel on the waters of: (1) the Colorado River, Lake Mead or Lake Mohave and, as determined by the Department, the vessel is registered in Arizona and Arizona has a program in effect for the management of aquatic invasive species; or (2) Lake Tahoe or Topaz Lake and, as determined by the Department, the vessel is registered in California and California has a program in effect for the management of aquatic invasive species.

EXPLANATION – Matter in *bolded italics* is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN
SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. NRS 488.536 is hereby amended to read as follows:

488.536 1. ~~1A~~ *Except as otherwise provided in subsection 6, a* person shall not operate a vessel on the waters of this State unless the person has:

(a) Paid to the Department the aquatic invasive species fee established pursuant to subsection 4; and

(b) Attached the aquatic invasive species decal issued pursuant to subsection 2 to the port side transom of the vessel so that the decal is distinctly visible.

2. The Department shall issue to a person who pays the fee established pursuant to subsection 4 an aquatic invasive species decal as evidence of the payment of the aquatic invasive species fee.

3. Aquatic invasive species decals expire at the end of each calendar year. Only the decal for the current year may be displayed on a vessel.

4. The Commission shall establish by regulation an aquatic invasive species fee, which:

(a) For a motorboat which is owned or operated by a person who is a resident of this State, must not exceed \$10;



(b) For a vessel, other than a motorboat, which is owned or operated by a person who is a resident of this State, must not exceed \$5;

(c) For a motorboat which is owned or operated by a nonresident of this State, must be \$20; and

(d) For a vessel, other than a motorboat, which is owned or operated by a nonresident of this State, must be \$10.

5. The aquatic invasive species fee established pursuant to subsection 4 must be paid annually for the issuance of an aquatic invasive species decal. The fee must be deposited in the Wildlife Fund Account in the State General Fund and used by the Department for enforcement of this section, NRS 488.530, 488.533 and 503.597 and for education about and management of aquatic invasive species.

6. The provisions of this section do not apply to a person who operates a vessel on the waters of:

(a) The Colorado River, Lake Mead or Lake Mohave if, as determined by the Department, the vessel is registered in Arizona and Arizona has a program in effect for the management of aquatic invasive species; or

(b) Lake Tahoe or Topaz Lake if, as determined by the Department, the vessel is registered in California and California has a program in effect for the management of aquatic invasive species.

Sec. 2. This act becomes effective upon passage and approval.

