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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Bruce E. Tarr

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the passage of the accompanying:

An act relative to boat registration.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Bruce E. Tarr	*First Essex and Middlesex*
Tom Sannicandro	*7th Middlesex*
Ann-Margaret Ferrante	*5th Essex*
Robert L. Hedlund	*Plymouth and Norfolk*

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By Mr. Tarr, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1714) of Bruce E. Tarr, Tom Sannicandro, Ann-Margaret Ferrante and Robert L. Hedlund for legislation relative to boat registration. Transportation.

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An act relative to boat registration.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

SECTION 2. Chapter 90B of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2010 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after section 2 the following section:-

Section 2A. The owner of a vessel, which has a valid marine document issued by the Bureau of Customs of the United States or any federal agency successor thereto and is homeported in the commonwealth or maintained in commonwealth waters by a resident of the commonwealth, shall apply to the director, on a form prescribed by the director, for a registration decal or renewal thereof. The application shall be signed by the owner of the vessel and submitted to the director together with a nominal fee, as determined annually by the commissioner of administration under the provision of section 3B of chapter 7.

The registration decal shall be displayed, so as to be visible to any law enforcement officer, on the upper left section of the transom while facing the transom.

Registration decal information for such documented vessels shall be maintained by the department and transmitted to the board of assessors of each city and town for the purposes of assessing the excise imposed by chapter 60B.

This section shall not apply to owners of vessels documented for commercial use.

SECTION 2. Section 3 of Chapter 90B of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2010 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding the following subsection:-

(l) Registration information for such motorboats shall be maintained by the department and transmitted to the board of assessors of each city and town for the purposes of assessing the excise imposed by chapter 60B.