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# H. R. 9636

To allow States to require payment of State fees related to boating as a condition for issuance of a vessel number and to collect such fees in conjunction with other fees related to vessel numbering.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 17, 2024

Mr. PAPPAS (for himself, Mrs. KIGGANS of Virginia, Mr. MOORE of Utah, and Mr. MOLINARO) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

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## A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. COLLECTION OF STATE FEES RELATED TO**  
4 **BOATING.**

5 Section 12307 of title 46, United States Code, is  
6 amended—

7 (1) in the matter preceding paragraph (1)—

1 (A) by striking “The authority” and in-  
2 serting “(a) IN GENERAL.—The authority”;

3 (B) by striking “that are—” and inserting  
4 “that—”;

5 (2) in paragraph (1)—

6 (A) by inserting “are” before “prescribed”;

7 and

8 (B) by striking “; or” and inserting a  
9 semicolon;

10 (3) in paragraph (2)—

11 (A) by inserting “are” before “related”;

12 and

13 (B) by striking the period and inserting “;  
14 or”; and

15 (4) by adding at the end the following:

16 “(3) require the payment of State fees related  
17 to boating, which may include fees for search and  
18 rescue operations, boating safety measures, or ef-  
19 forts to address aquatic invasive species.

20 “(b) STATE FEES RELATED TO BOATING.—A State  
21 issuing authority may collect a fee described in subsection  
22 (a)(3) in conjunction with the collection of any other fee  
23 established under this section.

24 “(c) USE OF FEES.—Fees collected by States under  
25 the authority this section may only be used to fund activi-

1 ties directly related to improving recreational boating,  
2 boater safety, boater access, use of waterways by rec-  
3 reational boaters, and aquatic invasive species.”.

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