

119TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 8550

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.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 28, 2026

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

A BILL

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.

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 and

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

6 (2) in paragraph (1)—

7 (A) by inserting “are” before “prescribed”;
8 and

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

11 (3) in paragraph (2)—

12 (A) by inserting “are” before “related”;
13 and

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

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

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

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

1 “(c) USE OF FEES.—Fees collected by States under
2 the authority this section may only be used to fund activi-
3 ties directly related to improving recreational boating,
4 boater safety, boater access, use of waterways by rec-
5 reational boaters, and aquatic invasive species.”.

○