### CHAPTER 450

### H.B. No. 1970

#### AN ACT

relating to the registration and titling of vessels and outboard motors.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Sections 31.003(7), (8), (9), (11), (12), and (14), Parks and Wildlife Code, are amended to read as follows:

- (7) "Dealer" means a person customarily engaged in the business of buying, selling, or exchanging *vessels* [motorboats] or outboard motors at an established or permanent place of business in this state and that at each place of business there is a sign conspicuously displayed showing the name of the dealership so that it may be located by the public and sufficient space to maintain an office, service area, and display of products.
- (8) "Vessel [Boat] livery" means a business establishment engaged in renting or hiring out vessels [motorboats] for profit.
- (9) "Undocumented vessel [motorboat]" means a vessel that is not required to have, and does not have, a valid marine document issued by the Bureau of Customs of the United States government or its successor.
- (11) "Manufacturer" means a person engaged in the business of manufacturing new and unused *vessels* [motorboats] and outboard motors for the purpose of sale or trade.
- (12) "New" means every vessel [motorboat] or outboard motor after its manufacture and before its sale or other transfer to a person not a manufacturer or dealer.
- (14) "Personal watercraft" means a vessel of a type [metorbeat up to 10 feet in length,] which is specifically designed to be operated by a person or persons sitting, standing, or kneeling on the vessel rather than in the conventional manner of sitting or standing inside the vessel.
- SECTION 2. The heading to Subchapter B, Chapter 31, Parks and Wildlife Code, is amended to read as follows:

## SUBCHAPTER B. IDENTIFICATION OF VESSELS [MOTORBOATS]: REQUIRED NUMBERING

SECTION 3. Section 31.021, Parks and Wildlife Code, is amended to read as follows: Sec. 31.021. REQUIRED NUMBERING. (a) Each undocumented *vessel* [motorboat] on the water of this state shall be numbered in accordance with the provisions of this chapter

unless specifically exempted. The numbering system shall be in accord with the Federal Boating Act of 1958 and subsequent federal legislation.

(b) No person may operate or give permission for the operation of any *vessel* [motorboat] on the water of this state unless the *vessel* [motorboat] is numbered as required by this chapter, unless the certificate of number awarded to the *vessel* [motorboat] is in full force and effect, and unless the identifying number set forth in the certificate is properly displayed on each side of the bow of the *vessel* [motorboat].

SECTION 4. Sections 31.022(a), (b), and (c) are amended to read as follows:

- (a) A vessel [motorboat] is not required to be numbered under the provisions of this chapter if it is:
  - (1) operated within this state for a period not exceeding 90 consecutive days and is covered by a number in full force and effect which has been awarded under federal law or a federally approved numbering system of another state;
  - (2) from a country other than the United States temporarily using the water of this state;
    - (3) owned by the United States, a state, or a subdivision of a state; or
    - (4) a ship's lifeboat.
- (b) The department may exempt from numbering a class of vessels [motorboats] if it finds that the numbering of the vessels [motorboats] of that class will not materially aid in their identification. The department may also exempt a vessel [motorboat] if it finds that it belongs to a class of vessels [motorboats] that would be exempt from numbering under a numbering system of an agency of the federal government if it were subject to federal law.
- (c) All canoes, kayaks, punts, rowboats, [sailboats, and] rubber rafts, or other vessels under 14 feet in length when paddled, poled, oared, or windblown are exempt from the numbering provisions of this chapter.

SECTION 5. Section 31.023, Parks and Wildlife Code, is amended to read as follows: Sec. 31.023. VESSELS [BOATS] NUMBERED UNDER FEDERAL OR OTHER STATE LAW. The owner of any vessel [or motorboat] for which a current certificate of number has been awarded under any federal law or a federally approved numbering system of another state shall, if the [motorboat or] vessel is operated on the water of this state in excess of 90 consecutive days, make application for a certificate of number in the manner prescribed in this chapter for residents of this state.

SECTION 6. Sections 31.024(a), (b), (c), and (e), Parks and Wildlife Code, are amended to read as follows:

- (a) The owner of each *vessel* [motorboat] requiring numbering by this state shall file an application for a number with the department or a county tax assessor-collector.
- (b) The application shall be signed by the owner of the *vessel* [motorboat] and shall be accompanied by the fee prescribed in Section 31.026 of this code. If the application is received by a county tax assessor-collector, the application and the portion of the fee not retained by the tax assessor-collector as a collection fee shall be sent to the department.
- (c) On receipt of the application in approved form, the department shall enter it on the records of its office and issue to the applicant a certificate of number stating the number awarded to the *vessel* [motorboat] and the name and address of the owner.
- (e) The department or county tax assessor-collector may not issue a certificate of number unless the tax due on the *vessel* [motorboat] under Chapter 160, Tax Code, is paid.

  SECTION 7. Sections 31,026 and 31,030, Parks and Wildlife Code, are amended to read

SECTION 7. Sections 31.026 and 31.030, Parks and Wildlife Code, are amended to read as follows:

Sec. 31.026. FEES. (a) Each application for an original or renewal certificate of number for a *vessel* [metorbeat] shall be accompanied by a two-year fee determined by the following classification schedule or determined in the same classifications by the commission, whichever amount is more:

Class	Description of Vessel [Boat]	Fee
Class A	less than 16 feet in length	\$12
Class 1	16 feet or over and less than 26 feet in length	\$18
Class 2	26 feet or over and less than 40 feet in length	\$24
Class 3	40 feet or more in length	\$30

- (b) The fee for a *vessel* [beat] less than 16 feet in length owned by a *vessel* [beat] livery and used for rental purposes is \$6 for each original and renewal application for a certificate of number or an amount set by the commission, whichever amount is more.
- (c) Owners of newly purchased *vessels* [motorboats] or other *vessels* [motorboats] not previously operated in this state shall pay the full registration fee.
- [(d) In order to establish a two-year staggered registration period, fees for currently registered motorboats may be less than the full fee specified in Subsection (a) of this section if the expiration date established by the department is prior to March 21, 1974.]
- Sec. 31.030. DUPLICATE CERTIFICATES AND DECALS. (a) If a certificate of number becomes lost, mutilated, or illegible, the owner of the *vessel* [motorboat] for which the certificate was issued may obtain a duplicate on application to the department and the payment of a fee of \$2 or an amount set by the commission, whichever amount is more.
- (b) If a registration decal becomes lost, mutilated, or illegible, the owner of the *vessel* [motorboat] for which the decal was issued may obtain a replacement decal on application to the department and the payment of a fee of \$2 or an amount set by the commission, whichever amount is more.
  - SECTION 8. Section 31.031(b), Parks and Wildlife Code, is amended to read as follows:
- (b) All basic numbers of each series shall begin with 1000. TX-1000-AA through TX-9999-AA will be allotted to dealers and manufacturers. TX-1000-AB through TX-9999-ZZ will be allotted to all other *vessel* [beat] owners and livery operators.
- SECTION 9. Sections 31.032 and 31.033, Parks and Wildlife Code, are amended to read as follows:
- Sec. 31.032. NUMBERING ON BOW. The owner shall paint on or attach to each side of the [motorboat or] vessel near the bow the identification number and a validation decal in the manner prescribed by the department. The number shall read from left to right and shall be of block characters of good proportion of not less than three inches in height. The numbers shall be of a color which will contrast with the hull material of the vessel and so maintained as to be clearly visible and legible.
- Sec. 31.033. UNAUTHORIZED NUMBERS PROHIBITED. (a) No person may paint, attach, or otherwise display on either side of the bow of a *vessel* [motorboat] a number other than the number awarded to the *vessel* [motorboat] or granted reciprocity under this chapter.
- (b) No person may deface or alter the certificate of number or the number assigned to and appearing on the bow of a *vessel* [boat].
  - SECTION 10. Section 31.0341(b), Parks and Wildlife Code, is amended to read as follows:
- (b) The county tax assessor-collector is entitled to a fee of 10 percent of the amount of the fee for each certificate. The amount retained by the tax assessor-collector shall be deposited to the credit of the officers salary fund of the county to be used for the sole purpose of paying the salaries of persons issuing *vessel* [boat] certificates of number.
- SECTION 11. Sections 31.036, 31.037, and 31.040, Parks and Wildlife Code, are amended to read as follows:
- Sec. 31.036. PROOF OF OWNERSHIP. (a) A certificate of title is required as proof of ownership of a *vessel* [motorboat] for which a certificate of number is sought [unless the motorboat is of the type for which no certificate of title is required under Section 31.045 of this code].
- (b) A certified statement of ownership is sufficient proof of ownership for a vessel [motorboat] of a type for which a certificate of title is not required.
- Sec. 31.037. CHANGE IN OWNERSHIP INTEREST; NOTICE TO DEPARTMENT. (a) The owner of a vessel [motorboat] numbered in this state shall notify the department within a reasonable time of the transfer of all or any part of his interest in the vessel [motorboat], other than the creation of a security interest, or of the destruction or abandonment of the vessel [motorboat]. The notice shall be accompanied by a surrender of the certificate of number.

- (b) If the *vessel* [beat] is destroyed or abandoned, the department shall cancel the certificate and enter the cancellation in its records.
- (c) The purchaser of a vessel [motorboat] shall present evidence of his ownership to the department within a reasonable time along with his name, address, and the number of the vessel [motorboat] and shall at the same time pay to the department a fee of \$2 or an amount set by the commission, whichever amount is more. On receipt of the application and fee the department shall transfer the certificate of number issued for the vessel [motorboat] to the new owner. Unless the application is made and fee paid within a reasonable time the vessel [motorboat] is without a certificate of number, and it is unlawful for any person to operate the vessel [motorboat] until the certificate is issued.

Sec. 31.040. VESSEL [BOAT] LIVERIES. (a) The owner or operator of a vessel [boat] livery shall obtain a certificate of number for all vessels [capable of] being used as motorboats [that are used] to rent or let for hire.

- (b) To receive certificates of number, the owner of a *vessel* [beat] livery shall apply directly to the department on application forms provided by the department. The application must state that the applicant is a *vessel* [beat] livery within the meaning of this chapter, and the facts stated in the application must be sworn before an officer authorized to administer oaths.
- (c) The owner of a *vessel* [boat] livery shall keep a record of the name and address of the persons hiring any vessel [designed or] operated as a motorboat, the vessel's certificate of number, the time and date of departure, and the expected time of return. The record shall be kept for six months.

SECTION 12. Section 31.041, Parks and Wildlife Code, is amended to read as follows:

- Sec. 31.041. DEALER'S AND MANUFACTURER'S NUMBER. (a) A dealer or manufacturer of vessels [motorboats] in this state may obtain a dealer's and manufacturer's number for vessels [motorboats] he wishes to show, demonstrate, or test on the water of this state instead of securing a certificate of number for each vessel [boat]. The number shall be attached to any vessel [motorboat] that he sends temporarily on the water.
- (b) The application for a number must state that the applicant is a dealer or manufacturer within the meaning of this chapter, and the facts stated on the application must be sworn before an officer authorized to administer oaths. The application must be accompanied by photographs of the business sufficient to show the required sign and space. The application must also be accompanied by a copy of the tax permit of the dealer or manufacturer issued by the comptroller under Chapter 151, Tax Code, if the dealer or manufacturer has a tax permit. The two-year fee for a dealer's and manufacturer's number is \$45 or an amount set by the commission, whichever amount is more. No number may be issued until the provisions of this section have been satisfied.
- (c) A dealer or manufacturer holding a dealer's and manufacturer's number may issue a reasonable temporary facsimile of the number which may be used by any authorized person. A person purchasing a *vessel* [motorboat] may use the dealer's number for a period not to exceed 15 days prior to filing an application for a certificate of number. The form of the facsimile and the manner of display shall be prescribed by the department.
- (d) A dealer or manufacturer holding a dealer's and manufacturer's number may transfer a certificate of number or a certificate of title to a vessel or outboard motor without securing a certificate of number or certificate of title in the dealer's name if the vessel or outboard motor is sold in the normal course of the dealer's or manufacturer's business. Any other person transferring a vessel and outboard motor must secure a certificate of number and certificate of title in the person's name before transferring the certificate of number or the certificate of title.

SECTION 13. Section 31.042(b), Parks and Wildlife Code, is amended to read as follows:

- (b) Causes for cancellation of certificates and voiding of numbers include:
  - (1) surrender of the certificate for cancellation;
  - (2) issuance of a new number for the same vessel [boat];
  - (3) issuance of a marine document by the Bureau of Customs for the same vessel;
  - (4) false or fraudulent certification in an application for number;

- (5) failure to pay the prescribed fee; and
- (6) dismantling, destruction, or other change in the form or character of the *vessel* [motorboat] or outboard motor so that it is no longer correctly described in the certificate or it no longer meets the definition of a *vessel* [motorboat] or outboard motor.
- SECTION 14. Sections 31.043(a) and (c), Parks and Wildlife Code, are amended to read as follows:
- (a) All vessels [boats] manufactured for sale in Texas shall carry a manufacturer's serial number clearly imprinted on the structure of the vessel [boat] or displayed on a plate permanently attached to the vessel [boat].
- (c) No person may wilfully destroy, remove, alter, cover, or deface the manufacturer's serial number or plate bearing the serial number or the serial number issued by the department. No person may possess a vessel [boat] with a serial number that has been altered, defaced, mutilated, or removed. A person who has a vessel [boat] with an altered or missing serial number shall file a sworn statement with the department describing the vessel [boat], proving legal ownership, and, if known, stating the reason for the destruction, removal, or defacement of the serial number.

SECTION 15. The heading to Subchapter B-1, Chapter 31, Parks and Wildlife Code, is amended to read as follows:

# SUBCHAPTER B-1. CERTIFICATES OF TITLE FOR VESSELS. [MOTORBOATS] AND OUTBOARD MOTORS

SECTION 16. Sections 31.045 and 31.046, Parks and Wildlife Code, are amended to read as follows:

- Sec. 31.045. OWNERSHIP OF VESSELS [MOTORBOATS] AND OUTBOARD MOTORS; CERTIFICATES OF TITLE. (a) The ownership of a vessel [motorboat] or of an outboard motor is evidenced by a certificate of title issued by the department, unless the vessel [motorboat] or the outboard motor is new.
- (b) The ownership of a new *vessel* [motorboat] or a new outboard motor is evidenced by a manufacturer's or an importer's certificate executed on a form prescribed by the department.
- (c) [The ownership of a vessel, other than a motorboat more than 14 feet long, or of an outboard motor, other than an outboard motor having a manufacturer's rating of 12 or more horsepower, may, but is not required to be, evidenced by a certificate of title issued by the department, unless the vessel or outboard motor is new.
- (d) The ownership of a new vessel, other than a motorboat more than 14 feet long, or of a new outboard motor, other than an outboard motor having a manufacturer's rating of 12 or more horsepower, may, but is not required to be, evidenced by a manufacturer's or importer's certificate executed on a form prescribed by the department.
  - [(e)] Separate certificates are required for vessels [motorboats] and for outboard motors.
- (d) The ownership of a vessel exempted from numbering under Section 31.022(c) of this code is not required to be evidenced by a certificate of title issued by the department.
- Sec. 31.046. APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATE OF TITLE. (a) Except as provided in Subsections (b) and (c) of this section, the purchaser of a vessel [motorboat] or an outboard motor shall apply to the department or to a county tax assessor-collector for a certificate of title not later than 20 days after the date of the sale of the vessel [motorboat] or outboard motor.
- (b) A manufacturer or a dealer who sells a *vessel* [motorboat] or an outboard motor to a person other than a manufacturer or a dealer shall apply to the department or to a county tax assessor-collector for a certificate of title for the *vessel* [motorboat] or outboard motor in the name of the purchaser not later than 20 days after the date of the sale.
- (c) A dealer who acquires a vessel [motorboat] or an outboard motor, other than a new vessel [motorboat] or outboard motor, is not required to apply for a certificate of title in the name of the dealer, but on resale of the vessel [motorboat] or outboard motor shall apply for the subsequent purchaser under Subsection (b) of this section and shall submit to the

department or to a county tax assessor-collector the endorsed certificate of title acquired by the dealer.

(d) The department or county tax assessor-collector may not issue a certificate of title unless the tax due on the *vessel* [motorboat] or outboard motor under Chapter 160, Tax Code, is paid.

SECTION 17. Sections 31.047(b) and (f), Parks and Wildlife Code, are amended to read as follows:

- (b) The form must contain:
  - (1) the name and address of the owner:
- (2) a description of the *vessel* [motorboat] or outboard motor, including, as appropriate, the manufacturer, make, model, year, length, construction material, manufacturer's or builder's number, hull identification number (HIN), motor number, outdrive number, and horsepower;
  - (3) name and address of purchaser;
  - (4) date of purchase;
  - (5) name and address of any security interest owner; [and]
  - (6) the appropriate affidavit as required by Section 160.042, Tax Code; and
- (7) other information required by the department to show the ownership of the vessel [motorboat] or outboard motor, a security interest in the vessel [motorboat] or outboard motor, or a further description of items listed in the subdivision.
- (f) An application for a certificate of title on a homemade vessel [beat], the origin of which is based on the affidavit of the person building the vessel [beat], proof of materials incorporated into the vessel [beat], and the like, must be accompanied by a certificate from a peace officer, as defined in the Code of Criminal Procedure, that the vessel [beat] has been inspected by such officer and appears to be as applied for. The applicant shall pay a fee of \$25 to the employer of the peace officer for this inspection.

SECTION 18. Section 31.048(b), Parks and Wildlife Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b) If the fee is collected by a county tax assessor-collector, the tax assessor-collector shall retain 10 percent of the fee collected and send the remainder to the department. The amount retained by the tax assessor-collector shall be deposited to the credit of the officers salary fund of the county to be used for the sole purpose of paying the salaries of persons issuing vessel [boat] and outboard motor certificates of title.

SECTION 19. Sections 31.049(a), (b), (c), and (e), Parks and Wildlife Code, are amended to read as follows:

- (a) A certificate of title must be on a form prescribed by the department and must contain:
  - (1) the name and address of the owner of the vessel [motorboat] or outboard motor;
- (2) the name of the owner of a security interest in the vessel [motorboat] or outboard motor; and
  - (3) a description of the vessel [motorboat] or outboard motor.
- (b) If there is no lien on the *vessel* [motorbeat] or outboard motor, the original certificate of title shall be delivered to the owner and a copy retained by the department.
- (c) If there is a lien on the *vessel* [motorboat] or outboard motor, the original certificate of title shall be sent to the first lienholder, a duplicate original certificate shall be sent to the owner, and a copy shall be retained by the department.
- (e) Title may be transferred [only] by surrender of the original certificate of title properly endorsed to show the transfer, [or] by evidence of an involuntary transfer as defined in Subdivision (5) of Subsection (a) of Section 31.053, or by following the provisions of Subsection (c) of Section 31.053 of this code [as amended].

SECTION 20. Sections 31.050(a) and (c), Parks and Wildlife Code, are amended to read as follows:

(a) A manufacturer's certificate or an importer's certificate must include:

- (1) a description of the *vessel* [motorboat] or outboard motor as required by Subdivision (2) of Subsection (b) of Section 31.047 of this code;
  - (2) the name and place of construction or other origin;
- (3) the signature of the manufacturer or an equivalent of the signature of the manufacturer; and
- (4) the endorsement of the original and each subsequent transferee, including the applicant for the original certificate of title.
- (c) A security interest in a *vessel* [motorboat] or outboard motor held as inventory by a person who is in the business of selling or leasing goods of that kind may be perfected only by complying with Chapter 9, Business & Commerce Code.
  - SECTION 21. Section 31.052(a), Parks and Wildlife Code, is amended to read as follows:
- (a) Except as provided in Subsection (c) of Section 31.050 of this code and except for statutory liens, security interests in a *vessel* [motorboat] or outboard motor shall be noted on the certificate of title of the *vessel* [motorboat] or outboard motor to which the security interest applies.
- SECTION 22. Section 31.053, Parks and Wildlife Code, is amended to read as follows: Sec. 31.053. TRANSFERS OF VESSELS [MOTORBOATS] AND OUTBOARD MOTORS. (a) No person may sell, assign, transfer, or otherwise dispose of an interest in a vessel [motorboat] or an outboard motor without:
  - (1) if the transferee is not a manufacturer or a dealer and the vessel or outboard motor is new, delivering to the department a manufacturer's or importer's certificate showing the endorsement of the manufacturer and all intervening owners;
  - (2) if the transferee is a manufacturer or a dealer and the vessel or outboard motor is new, delivering to the transferee a manufacturer's or importer's certificate showing the endorsement of the manufacturer and all intervening owners;
  - (3) if the *vessel* [motorboat] or outboard motor is not covered by a certificate of title or a manufacturer's or importer's certificate and if the transferor is a manufacturer or dealer, delivering to the department sufficient evidence of title or other information to permit the issuance of a certificate of title for the *vessel* [motorboat] or outboard motor in the name of the transferee;
  - (4) if the *vessel* [motorboat] or outboard motor is not covered by a certificate of title or a manufacturer's or importer's certificate and if the transferor is not a manufacturer or dealer, delivering to the transferee sufficient evidence of title or other information to permit the transferee to apply for and receive a certificate of title for the *vessel* [motorboat] or outboard motor in the name of the transferee; or
  - (5) delivering to the transferee a certificate of title for the *vessel* [motorboat] or outboard motor in the name of the transferor and properly endorsed to show the transfer or evidence of an involuntary transfer.
- (b) For the purposes of Subsection (a)(5) of this section [hereof] an involuntary transfer shall mean the transfer of ownership pursuant to a contractual or statutory lien which confers the power or right to the transfer. The evidence shall reflect the proper exercise of the right conferred pursuant to the lien.
- (c) The transferor shall provide the documents or evidence required by Subsection (a) of this section to the department or the transferee, as appropriate, in sufficient time to allow the transferee to register and obtain a certificate of title for the vessel or outboard motor not later than 20 days after the date of the sale.
- (d) [(b)] Notwithstanding the provisions of Subsection (a) of this section [above], a buyer of a new vessel [motorboat] or a new outboard motor in the ordinary course of business as provided in Section 9.307(a), [of the] Business & Commerce Code, takes the interest free of security interests as provided in that section. A buyer of a vessel [motorboat] or outboard motor that is not new shall be governed by Subsection (a) of this section [above].
- (e) The transferee shall provide the department with sufficient evidence of ownership for transfer of a vessel or outboard motor if the transferee:

- (1) failed to obtain the title from the transferor or the title was lost, stolen, or mutilated before the transfer was made; and
- (2) has made reasonable efforts to contact the transferor to obtain the required documentation.

SECTION 23. Section 31.055, Parks and Wildlife Code, is amended to read as follows: Sec. 31.055. EXCEPTIONS. This subchapter does not apply to[;

- [(1)] vessels with a valid marine document issued by the Bureau of Customs of the United States or a federal agency that is a successor to the Bureau of Customs[;
- [(2) an outboard motor of less than 12 horsepower as determined by the manufacturer's rating; and
  - [(3) a motorboat 14 feet or less in length].
- SECTION 24. Section 47.007(d), Parks and Wildlife Code, is amended to read as follows:
- (d) An applicant for a commercial fish boat license must submit to the department the vessel's United States Coast Guard Certificate of Documentation or Texas' or other state's Certificate of Number for a *vessel or* motorboat. The license issued by the department must contain:
  - (1) the name of the boat; and
  - (2) the number appearing on the United States Coast Guard Certificate of Documentation or Texas' or other state's Certificate of Number.
  - SECTION 25. Section 77.036(a), Parks and Wildlife Code, is amended to read as follows:
- (a) An applicant for a commercial shrimp boat license issued under this subchapter must submit to the department the boat's United States Coast Guard certificate of documentation or the Texas certificate of number for a *vessel* [motorboat].
  - SECTION 26. Section 76.102(a), Parks and Wildlife Code, is amended to read as follows:
- (a) An applicant for an oyster boat license issued under this subchapter must submit to the department the boat's United States Coast Guard certificate of documentation or Texas' or other state's certificate of number for a *vessel or* motorboat.
- SECTION 27. Sections 31.027 and 31.054 and Chapter 32, Parks and Wildlife Code, are repealed.

SECTION 28. To the extent that the changes in law made by this Act impose a requirement on a person, vessel, or outboard motor that did not previously apply to the person, vessel, or motor, the person, vessel, or motor need not comply with the requirement until January 1, 1994.

SECTION 29. This Act takes effect September 1, 1993.

SECTION 30. The importance of this legislation and the crowded condition of the calendars in both houses create an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each house be suspended, and this rule is hereby suspended.

Passed by the House on May 14, 1993, by a non-record vote; the House concurred in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 1970 on May 28, 1993, by a non-record vote; passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 26, 1993, by a viva-voce vote.

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