



2026 South Dakota Legislature

House Bill 1071

Introduced by: **Representative** Jordan

1 **An Act to establish a ten-year boat registration for owners of certain boats.**

2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:

3 **Section 1. That § 32-3A-13 be AMENDED:**

4 **32-3A-13.** Each Except for a ten-year registration as provided in section 2 of this
5 Act, each registration and validation decal shall expire expires on the last day of the month
6 of the year for which it was issued.

7 The boat shall A boat must be registered in the same manner as a motor vehicles
8 vehicle pursuant to §§ 32-5-2.2 and 32-5-2.6. The registration may be renewed by the
9 owner and new validation decals obtained as provided in § 32-3A-4.

10 A ten-year registration expires on the last day of the month of issuance in the tenth
11 year and may be renewed for successive ten-year periods, if the owner continues to be
12 eligible pursuant to the requirements of section 2 of this Act.

13 **Section 2. That a NEW SECTION be added to chapter 32-3A:**

14 The owner of a boat that is transported exclusively on a trailer that is registered,
15 in this state, to the owner pursuant to § 32-5-8 may elect to register the boat for a period
16 of ten years.

17 In addition to and when satisfying the requirements of § 32-3A-4, the owner must
18 provide proof of registration of the trailer used to transport the boat and submit an
19 affidavit stating that the boat is transported exclusively on the trailer.

20 The owner must pay a fee set by the commission, as authorized in § 32-3A-4, only
21 when applying for or renewing a ten-year registration.

22 Upon approval of the application, the county treasurer must issue to the owner a
23 registration certificate and decals in the same manner as prescribed in § 32-3A-5, except
24 that the decals must be marked to reflect the ten-year registration, with the month and
25 year of expiration listed.

1 If, during the ten-year registration period, the trailer is no longer registered to the
2 owner, the boat registration converts to an annual registration pursuant to § 32-3A-13
3 and expires on:

4 (1) The expiration date listed on the registration certificate and decals, if less than one
5 year remains in the ten-year registration period; or
6 (2) December thirty-first of the year in which the trailer was last registered to the
7 owner, if the time remaining in the ten-year registration period is one year or more.