

NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACT (EXCERPT)
Act 451 of 1994

PART 781
MICHIGAN STATE WATERWAYS COMMISSION

324.78101 Definitions.

Sec. 78101. As used in this part:

- (a) "Commercial motor vehicle" means that term as defined in section 74101.
- (b) "Commission" means the Michigan state waterways commission.
- (c) "Department" means the department of natural resources.
- (d) "Designated state-operated public boating access site" means a state-operated public boating access site designated under section 78105(2).
- (e) "Director" means the administrative director of the commission.
- (f) "Diesel motor fuel" means any liquid fuel used in the operation of engines of the diesel type in motor vehicles or watercraft.
- (g) "Gasoline" means gasoline, casing head or natural gasoline, benzole, benzine, and naphtha. Gasoline also means any liquid prepared, advertised, offered for sale, sold for use as, or used for, the generation of power for the propulsion of motor vehicles or watercraft, including any product obtained by blending together any 1 or more products of petroleum, regardless of their original names or characteristics, with or without other products, unless the resultant product obtained is entirely incapable of use for the generation of power for the propulsion of motor vehicles or watercraft. Gasoline does not include diesel fuel, liquefied petroleum gas, or commercial or industrial naphthas or solvents manufactured, imported, received, stored, distributed, sold, or used exclusively for purposes other than as a fuel for motor vehicles or watercraft.
- (h) "Harbor" means a portion of a lake or other body of water either naturally or artificially protected so as to be a place of safety for watercraft, including contrivances used or designed for navigation on water and used or owned by the United States.
- (i) "Harbor facilities" means the structures at a harbor constructed to protect the lake or body of water and the facilities provided within the harbor and ashore for the mooring and servicing of watercraft and the servicing of crews and passengers.
- (j) "Inland lake or stream" means that term as defined in section 30101.
- (k) "Liquefied petroleum gas" means gases derived from petroleum or natural gases that are in the gaseous state at normal atmospheric temperature and pressure, but that may be maintained in the liquid state at normal atmospheric temperature by suitable pressure.
- (l) "Marina" means a site that contains harbor facilities.
- (m) "Motor vehicle" means that term as defined in section 74101.
- (n) "Navigable water" means any waterway navigable by vessels, or capable of being made navigable by vessels through artificial improvements, and includes the structures and facilities created to facilitate navigation.
- (o) "Nonresident motor vehicle" means that term as defined in section 74101.
- (p) "Person" includes any individual, partnership, corporation, association, or body politic, except the United States and this state, and includes any trustee, receiver, assignee, or other similar representative of those entities.
- (q) "Public boating access site" means a publicly owned site for the launching of recreational watercraft.
- (r) "Recreational boating facilities" means boat launches, harbors, marinas, and locks assisting recreational boats accessing water bodies at different elevations.
- (s) "Recreation passport fee" means that term as defined in section 2001.
- (t) "Resident motor vehicle" means that term as defined in section 74101.
- (u) "Retail fuel dealer" includes any person or persons, both private and municipal, who engage in the business of selling or distributing fuel within this state.
- (v) "Secretary of state" means the secretary of state of this state, acting directly or through a duly authorized deputy, investigators, agents, and employees.
- (w) "Vessel" means all watercraft except the following:
 - (i) Watercraft used for commercial fishing.
 - (ii) Watercraft used by the sea scout department of the boy scouts of America chiefly for training scouts in seamanship.
 - (iii) Watercraft owned by this state, any political subdivision of this state, or the federal government.
 - (iv) Watercraft when used in interstate or foreign commerce and watercraft used or owned by any railroad

company or railroad car ferry company.

(v) Watercraft when used in trade, including watercraft when used in connection with an activity that constitutes a person's chief business or means of livelihood.

(x) "Watercraft" means any contrivance used or designed for navigation on water, including, but not limited to, any vessel, ship, boat, motor vessel, steam vessel, vessel operated by machinery, motorboat, sailboat, barge, scow, tugboat, and rowboat, but does not include contrivances used or owned by the United States.

(y) "Waterway" means any body of water.

(z) "Waterways account" means the waterways account of the Michigan conservation and recreation legacy fund provided for in section 2035.

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324.78102 Michigan state waterways commission; creation; appointment, qualifications, and terms of members; oath; reimbursement for expenses; removal of members; vacancies; seal; rules; election of officers; action by commission; offices and equipment.

Sec. 78102. There is created a state commission to be known and designated as the Michigan state waterways commission. The commission shall consist of 7 members, who shall be appointed by the governor, with the advice and consent of the senate. The term of office of each member shall be 3 years, except that of members first appointed, 2 shall be appointed for 1 year, 2 shall be appointed for 2 years, and 1 shall be appointed for 3 years. Not less than 2 members shall reside north of townline 16, 1 of whom shall reside in the upper peninsula and 1 of whom shall reside in the lower peninsula. One of the members shall be an individual who owns or operates a harbor or marina in this state at the time of his or her appointment and during his or her membership on the commission. One member shall be a representative of the marine-trades industry who does not own or operate a harbor or marina. The first term of the individual who owns or operates a harbor or marina shall expire on September 18, 1989. The first term of the marine-trade representative who does not own or operate a harbor or marina shall expire on September 18, 1988. A member appointed to fill a vacancy occurring other than by expiration of a term shall be appointed for the unexpired term. Members shall qualify by taking and filing the constitutional oath of office. A member of the commission shall not receive a salary for his or her services as a commissioner, but may be reimbursed for actual and necessary expenses incurred in performance of official duties. The members of the commission may be removed by the governor for inefficiency, neglect of duty, misuse of office, or malfeasance in office, in the manner provided by law for the removal of other public officers for similar causes. Vacancies shall be filled for the unexpired term in the same manner as original appointments. The commission shall, immediately upon its appointment, organize, adopt a seal, and make, amend, and revise the rules necessary for the administration of the commission's duties under this part. The commission at the organization meeting shall elect from its members a chairperson and vice-chairperson to serve for 1 year and annually thereafter shall elect such officers, each to serve until his or her successor is appointed and qualified. Action shall not be taken by the commission with less than a majority assent of its members. The department of management and budget shall provide suitable offices and equipment for the use of the commission.

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324.78103 Waterways commission; conducting business at public meeting; notice of meeting; availability of writings to public.

Sec. 78103. (1) The business which the Michigan state waterways commission may perform shall be conducted at a public meeting of the commission held in compliance with the open meetings act, Act No. 267 of the Public Acts of 1976, being sections 15.261 to 15.275 of the Michigan Compiled Laws. Public notice of the time, date, and place of the meeting shall be given in the manner required by Act No. 267 of the Public Acts of 1976.

(2) A writing prepared, owned, used, in the possession of, or retained by the commission in the

performance of an official function shall be made available to the public in compliance with the freedom of information act, Act No. 442 of the Public Acts of 1976, being sections 15.231 to 15.246 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

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324.78104 Waterways commission; director; appointment; qualifications; term; compensation; duties; assistants; salaries; expenses.

Sec. 78104. There is established the office of administrative director of the commission. The director qualified by a record of experience in connection with boating shall be appointed by the commission to serve for an indefinite term, during his or her efficient, honest, and businesslike execution of his or her duties. He or she shall receive such compensation as the commission may determine, not in excess of \$8,400.00, and shall be reimbursed for all traveling and other expenses incurred by him or her in the discharge of his or her official duties. The director shall be charged with the administration of this part in accordance with the policies established by the commission. The department, upon recommendation of the director, subject to the approval of the commission, may employ such assistants, and make such expenditures as may be necessary in implementing this part related to the powers and duties of the commission. The salaries of all employees, and the necessary expenses while traveling in performing any of their duties, shall be paid in the same manner as the salaries and expenses of other state employees are paid.

History: Add. 1995, Act 58, Imd. Eff. May 24, 1995.

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324.78105 Powers and duties of department; designation of state-operated boating access sites requiring passes; fees.

Sec. 78105. (1) The department has the following powers and duties:

(a) To acquire, construct, and maintain harbors, channels, and facilities for vessels in the navigable waters lying within the boundaries of this state.

(b) To acquire, by purchase, lease, gift, or condemnation the lands, rights of way, and easements necessary for harbors and channels. For the purposes of this subdivision, the department shall be considered a state agency under 1911 PA 149, MCL 213.21 to 213.25.

(c) To acquire, by purchase, lease, gift, or condemnation suitable areas on shore for disposal of the material from dredging.

(d) To enter into any contracts or agreements that may be necessary in carrying out this part, including agreements to hold and save the United States free from damages due to the construction and maintenance by the United States of those works that the United States undertakes.

(e) To provide for the granting of concessions within the boundaries of harbors, so as to furnish the public gas, oil, food, and other facilities.

(f) To represent this state and the governor in dealings with the chief of engineers of the United States army and his or her authorized agents for the purposes set forth in this part.

(g) To charge fees for both seasonal and daily moorage at state-operated small craft mooring facilities. All revenues derived from this source shall be deposited in the waterways account.

(h) To collect the proceeds from the sale of marine fuel at harbors operated by the department. The proceeds from the sales shall be credited to the waterways account and used for the purchase of marine fuel supplies as may be needed. Any remaining revenue from this source not needed for the purchase of marine fuel supplies may be expended in the same manner as other funds within the waterways account.

(2) The director shall designate state-operated public boating access sites that, subject to section 78119(4), shall not be entered by a resident motor vehicle unless the recreation passport fee has been paid or by a nonresident or commercial motor vehicle unless a pass purchased under subsection (3) is affixed to the motor vehicle as described in section 78119.

(3) The department shall charge fees for passes authorizing seasonal or daily entry by nonresident motor vehicles or commercial motor vehicles at designated state-operated public boating access sites. Fee revenue under this subsection shall be deposited in the waterways account.

History: Add. 1995, Act 58, Imd. Eff. May 24, 1995;—Am. 2004, Act 587, Eff. Dec. 23, 2006;—Am. 2010, Act 34, Eff. Oct. 1, 2010;—Am. 2013, Act 81, Eff. May 1, 2014.

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324.78106 Authority of local agencies and public colleges and universities to enter contracts with department.

Sec. 78106. The local units of government of this state, within the jurisdiction of which are situated inland waterways connected with or connecting the waters of the Great Lakes, or within which channels to nearby inland lakes and streams may be constructed or opened for navigation and shelter of light draft vessels, may by majority vote of their respective legislative bodies enter into contracts and agreements with the department in carrying out the purposes of this part. In addition, the public colleges and universities of the state may enter into contracts and agreements with the department in carrying out the purposes of this part.

History: Add. 1995, Act 58, Imd. Eff. May 24, 1995;—Am. 2003, Act 19, Imd. Eff. June 18, 2003.

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324.78107 Facilities in harbors and connecting waterways; use.

Sec. 78107. Facilities in harbors and connecting waterways established under this part shall be open to all on equal and reasonable terms.

History: Add. 1995, Act 58, Imd. Eff. May 24, 1995.

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324.78108 Financing local agencies and public colleges and universities to obtain federal participation; contracts with army corps of engineers.

Sec. 78108. (1) The department may do 1 or more of the following:

(a) Take actions as may be necessary to provide the finances required of local agencies and public colleges and universities as condition for United States' participation in any project in which the department is empowered to act.

(b) Use any part or all of the appropriation and funds otherwise available to meet the portion of the requirement of local participation as the department considers proper.

(c) Enter into agreements with any public college or university or political subdivision of the state in connection with participation with the United States in any project in which the department is empowered to act and provide adjustments which in the judgment of the department are considered to be in the best interest of the state.

(2) The department may enter into any contract or agreement with the army corps of engineers of the United States, or any other agency or instrumentality of the United States for the dredging of harbors, the erection of breakwaters, piers or any other device for the protection of vessels, and may do any act or enter into any contract or agreement desirable in implementing this part. The department may take such steps as may be necessary to take advantage of any act of congress that may be of assistance in carrying out the purposes of this part.

History: Add. 1995, Act 58, Imd. Eff. May 24, 1995;—Am. 2003, Act 19, Imd. Eff. June 18, 2003.

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324.78109 Administration of part; advice by commission.

Sec. 78109. The commission shall advise the department on the administration of this part.

History: Add. 1995, Act 58, Imd. Eff. May 24, 1995.

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324.78110 Waterways account; use.

Sec. 78110. Money in the waterways account shall be used only for the following:

(a) The construction, operation, and maintenance of the following that are associated with recreational boating facilities:

(i) Ramps and related support infrastructure for launching watercraft.

(ii) Piers, jetties, breakwaters, or other similar structures connected to existing or proposed recreational

boating facilities or harbors of refuge.

(iii) Moorage facilities and related support infrastructure at marinas to provide dockage for transient and seasonal users.

(iv) Studies and surveys necessary for the development of recreational boating facilities or the operation of recreational boating facilities, and the implementation of recommendations from these studies and surveys.

(v) Restrooms, sewage treatment facilities, showers, potable water supplies, security lights, and parking areas.

(vi) Pump outs.

(vii) Access roads, bridges, signals, and other infrastructure to provide the public access to recreational boating facilities.

(viii) Engineering costs, including planning and construction costs and costs of environmental assessments and permit applications.

(ix) Dredging, stump removal, and aquatic weed control when the activities can be shown to clear lanes to make a water body more accessible primarily for recreational boats as opposed to general navigation.

(x) Navigational aids in the immediate area of recreational boating facilities.

(xi) Signage for the effective use of recreational boating facilities.

(xii) Publication of guides, brochures, maps, road signs, internet sites, and other aids to inform boaters of recreational boating facilities.

(xiii) Projects that compensate or mitigate for natural resource losses caused by activities described in this subdivision.

(xiv) Locks used exclusively by recreational boaters.

(xv) Leases of property for recreational boating facilities or parking areas for the exclusive use of recreational boating facilities.

(xvi) Boat storage facilities, boat lift facilities, and boat servicing facilities within recreational boating facilities when constructed so as to be leased to a private marina operator under the guidelines of part 791.

(xvii) Equipment used exclusively for the development, maintenance, or operation of recreational boating facilities.

(b) The acquisition of property or rights in property for the purposes of this part, including both of the following:

(i) Land acquisition for the development of recreational boating facilities or parking areas exclusively for the servicing of recreational boating facilities.

(ii) Water rights for the securing of recreational boating access facilities.

(c) For grants to local units of government and state colleges or universities to acquire and develop harbors of refuge and public boating access sites under section 78115.

(d) For the purposes provided in part 791.

(e) For the administration of this part and part 791, including the following:

(i) Administrative and overhead cost directly related to recreational boating facilities.

(ii) Employee wages and benefits incurred for the administration of this part.

(iii) Conferences, meetings, and training for employees working at or on recreational boating facilities.

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324.78111 State appropriation as advancement.

Sec. 78111. It is the purpose of this part, in providing for harbors and channels, that the appropriation made by the state be considered an advancement, and that the fees, taxes, and other revenues received under this part, to be credited to the waterways account, shall be applied against the advancement, until all advancements have been fully paid. Thereafter, all such fees, taxes, and revenues shall be available for continued expansion and development of harbors and connecting waterways. However, subject to the approval of the state administrative board, the necessary expense of administration of this part, and any expense necessary to the protection of the harbors, and connecting waterways, constructed or established under the provisions of this part, or any improvement to the harbors and connecting waterways necessary for the proper and adequate protecting of vessels, shall be paid from the fees, taxes, and revenues before being credited to the advancements. The state administrative board shall from time to time provide for the transfer

of credits to advancements from the waterways account to the general fund, until the advancements have been fully paid.

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324.78112 State acceptance of federal program for construction of harbors of refuge.

Sec. 78112. In addition to the other matters contained in this part, this part shall constitute prima facie evidence of the acceptance by the state of Michigan of the provisions for state participation in the federal program for construction of certain harbors of refuge within the boundaries of the state of Michigan as provided for in chapter 19, 59 Stat. 10, Public Law 14 of the 79th Congress authorized March 2, 1945, pursuant to House Document No. 446 of the 78th Congress.

History: Add. 1995, Act 58, Imd. Eff. May 24, 1995.

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324.78113 Public boating access site advisory committee.

Sec. 78113. (1) Within 30 days after the effective date of this section, the department shall establish a public boating access site advisory committee to advise the department and the legislature on the state's method of acquiring public boating access sites. The advisory committee shall consist of not more than 20 members representing the boating industry, recreational users, riparian owners, local public officials who have public boating access sites within their local unit of government, experts from Michigan institutions of higher education, and other interested parties as appointed by the department. At least 2 members of the advisory committee shall be representatives of the general public. The advisory committee shall review and make recommendations regarding the current method of acquiring and operating public boating access sites. Additionally, the committee shall make recommendations on all of the following:

(a) The protection of the ecological integrity of lakes from degradation.

(b) The protection of the boating public and other lake users, including, but not limited to, riparian owners, from overly intense use of lakes.

(c) The provision of recreational boating opportunities for members of the general public.

(d) Other issues the advisory committee considers relevant.

(2) A meeting of the advisory committee shall be held in compliance with the open meetings act, 1976 PA 267, MCL 15.261 to 15.275.

(3) Within 6 months after the advisory committee is established under subsection (1), the advisory committee shall deliver a report to the department, the commission, and the legislature on administrative and any legislative changes that the state should consider in acquiring and operating public boating access sites.

(4) Not later than 1 year after the advisory committee is established under subsection (1), the advisory committee shall be disbanded.

History: Add. 1998, Act 210, Imd. Eff. July 1, 1998.

Compiler's note: For transfer of public boating access site advisory committee to department of natural resources by type III transfer, see E.R.O. No. 2010-13, compiled at MCL 324.99917.

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324.78114 Acquisition of public boating access site; placement of land option.

Sec. 78114. (1) Prior to acquiring a public boating access site, the department shall obtain a 90-day option on the land proposed for acquisition. In obtaining this option, the department shall attempt to negotiate an option that may be transferred to a local unit of government. Upon placing the option on the land, the department shall notify the municipality and the county in which the land is located of the option and whether the department plans to hold a public hearing on the proposed purchase and development of the land as a public boating access site. The municipality or county in which the proposed public boating access site is located may hold a public hearing on the proposed purchase and development of the land as a public boating access site. If a municipality or county holds a public hearing under this subsection, the municipality or county shall notify the department, and a representative of the department shall attend the public hearing.

(2) During the 90-day period in which the department holds an option under subsection (1), the

municipality or county in which the land is located may do either of the following:

(a) Notify the department that it intends to operate a public boating access site on that land. If the department receives a notice pursuant to this subdivision, the department shall transfer the option, if possible, to the municipality or county so that it may exercise the option and purchase the land. If the municipality exercises the option and purchases the land, the exercise of the option shall be contingent upon the municipality or county and the department entering into a legally enforceable agreement that specifies how the public boating access site will be operated. The agreement shall provide that the public boating access site will be operated in the same manner as a public boating access site that is operated by the department, unless the department agrees to alternative terms. The agreement shall also provide that if the municipality or county violates the agreement, the department may operate the public boating access site in compliance with the agreement.

(b) Identify another suitable location on the lake that the department could acquire for a public boating access site. The public boating access site shall be comparable for development as the one proposed by the department.

History: Add. 1998, Act 210, Imd. Eff. July 1, 1998.

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324.78115 Public boating access sites grant program.

Sec. 78115. (1) The department shall establish a public boating access sites grant program. The grant program shall provide funding with money in the waterways account to local units of government and public colleges or universities for all or a portion of the cost of either or both of the following:

(a) The acquisition of land for the establishment of a public boating access site.

(b) The cost of developing a public boating access site.

(2) A grant under subsection (1)(a) may be used as the required match by a local unit of government or a public college or university under part 19 or another state or federal program.

(3) A local unit of government or a public college or university receiving a grant under subsection (1)(b) must agree to operate the public boating access site in accordance with the department's operational requirements. The operational requirements shall be included within a grant agreement that is entered into by the grant recipient and the department. The grant agreement may contain, but need not be limited to, 1 or more of the following provisions as required by the department:

(a) Any net revenues accruing from the operation of the public boating access site shall be separately accounted for and reserved in a restricted fund by the grantee for the future maintenance or expansion of the public boating access site or, with the approval of the department, the construction of other recreational boating facilities. Unless otherwise provided in the grant agreement or otherwise authorized in writing by the department, if a fee is charged for the use of the public boating access site, the fee shall be the same as the fee rates set by the department.

(b) Unless otherwise provided in the grant agreement or otherwise authorized in writing by the department, the public boating access site and any facilities constructed for use in conjunction with the public boating access site shall be reserved by the grantee exclusively for the use or rental, on a daily basis, of recreational watercraft.

(c) Unless otherwise provided in the grant agreement or otherwise authorized in writing by the department, commercial operations of any type shall not be permitted to regularly use the public boating access site or any of the facilities constructed for use in conjunction with the public boating access site.

(d) The public boating access site and any facilities constructed for use in conjunction with that public boating access site shall be open to the public at all times on equal and reasonable terms.

(4) A local unit of government or a public college or university that wishes to be considered for a grant under this section shall submit an application to the department in a manner prescribed by the department and containing the information required by the department.

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324.78116 Rules.

Sec. 78116. The department may promulgate rules to implement this part.

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324.78117 Township ordinances regulating activities at public boating access site; scope.

Sec. 78117. A township may by ordinance regulate activities at a public boating access site owned by the department and located on an inland lake or stream. However, the scope of the ordinance shall not exceed the scope of applicable rules promulgated or orders issued by the department under section 504.

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324.78119 Entry into state-operated boating access site; pass, tab, or sticker required; recreation passport fee; exceptions; violation as civil infraction; fine; evidence.

Sec. 78119. (1) Subject to subsection (4), a person shall not enter, in a nonresident motor vehicle or commercial motor vehicle, a state-operated public boating access site designated under section 78105(2) without a valid pass affixed to the lower right-hand corner of the windshield. A seasonal pass shall be affixed permanently for the season.

(2) Subject to subsection (4), the operator of a resident motor vehicle shall not enter a state-operated public boating access site designated under section 78105(2) with the resident motor vehicle unless the recreation passport fee has been paid for that motor vehicle. Payment of the recreation passport fee authorizes entry into all state parks and recreation areas and designated state-operated public boating access sites until expiration of the motor vehicle registration.

(3) Subject to subsection (4), if the secretary of state issues registration tabs or stickers as described in section 805 of the Michigan vehicle code, 1949 PA 300, MCL 257.805, the operator of a resident motor vehicle shall not enter a designated state-operated public boating access site with the resident motor vehicle unless the resident motor vehicle has a registration tab or sticker marked as provided under that section to show that the recreation passport fee has been paid.

(4) Subsections (1) to (3) do not apply under any of the following circumstances:

(a) If the motor vehicle is used in the operation or maintenance of the public boating access site, is an emergency motor vehicle, is a state-owned or law enforcement motor vehicle, or is a private motor vehicle being operated on official state business.

(b) If the motor vehicle is registered under section 803e(1) of the Michigan vehicle code, 1949 PA 300, MCL 257.803e, and is exempt under section 803e(6) of the Michigan vehicle code, 1949 PA 300, MCL 257.803e, from the registration tax, or if the motor vehicle is registered under section 217d or 803f of the Michigan vehicle code, 1949 PA 300, MCL 257.217d and 257.803f.

(c) If and to the extent the department waives the requirements for department-sponsored events or other circumstances as determined by the director or the director's designee.

(5) A person who violates subsection (1), (2), or (3) is responsible for a state civil infraction and may be ordered to pay a civil fine of not more than \$100.00. A person shall not be cited for a violation of both subsections (2) and (3) for the same incident.

(6) In any proceeding for the violation of this part or a rule promulgated under this part, if a motor vehicle is found parked in a designated state-operated public boating access site, the registration plate displayed on the motor vehicle constitutes prima facie evidence that the owner of the motor vehicle was the person who parked or placed it at the location where it was found.

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