

HB 1158 - AS AMENDED BY THE HOUSE

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HOUSE BILL                ***1158***

AN ACT                    relative to establishing an exception to vessel registration.

SPONSORS:            Rep. Lynn, Rock. 17; Rep. Kuttub, Rock. 17

COMMITTEE:          Transportation

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AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill exempts certain persons from requiring a certificate of operation for a commercial vessel so long as they meet certain requirements.

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Explanation:          Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.  
                         Matter removed from current law appears ~~[in brackets and struckthrough]~~  
                         Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

*In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty Four*

AN ACT                    relative to establishing an exception to vessel registration.

*Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:*

1            1   New Paragraph; Minimum Age for Operation; Commercial Vessel Exception. Amend RSA  
2   270:30 by inserting after paragraph III the following new paragraph:

3            III-a. A person 14 years of age or older, but under 18 years of age may operate a commercial  
4   vessel on any of the public waters of the state without a valid certificate to act as operator of a  
5   commercial vessel if all of the following conditions are met:

6            (a) The vessel shall be 16 feet in length or less.

7            (b) The vessel may be operated only for the selling of pre-packaged food and/or non-  
8   alcoholic beverages.

9            (c) The vessel shall not be operated for the safety support of other boaters, swimmers, or  
10   other persons in or on the water, or for incidental transportation of passengers, towing of other  
11   vessels, refueling, or servicing.

12            (d) The vessel shall not tow any water skiers, aquaplane, or similar devices.

13            2   Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after passage.