

TITLE 3: HUMAN RESOURCES
DIVISION 5: PUBLIC SAFETY

§ 5421. Boat Numbering.

(a) All undocumented vessels equipped with propulsion machinery of any type shall have a number issued by the director.

(b) A vessel need not be numbered if it is any of the following:

(1) A foreign vessel temporarily using waters subject to the jurisdiction of the Commonwealth;

(2) A military or public vessel of the United States, except recreational-type public vessels;

(3) A vessel whose owner is a state, other than the Commonwealth or one of its subdivisions, which is principally used for governmental purposes, and which is clearly identifiable as such;

(4) Ship's lifeboats;

(5) A vessel which has or is required to have a valid marine document as a vessel of the United States; and

(6) A vessel already covered by a number in full force and effect which has been awarded to it pursuant to federal law or a federally approved numbering system of another state; provided, that such vessel shall not remain in the Commonwealth for a period in excess of 60 days without obtaining a number issued by the director.

(c) Nothing in this section shall prohibit the numbering of any undocumented vessel upon request by the owner even though that vessel is exempt from the numbering requirements of this chapter.

Source: PL 3-25, § 4.

Commission Comment: With respect to the references to the "director" of the Department of Public Safety, see Executive Order 94-3 (effective August 23, 1994), reorganizing the executive branch, changing agency names and official titles, and effecting other changes, set forth in the Commission comment to 1 CMC § 2001.