



# HOUSE BILL 308: Regulatory Reform Act of 2020, Sec. 4: Abandoned and Derelict Vessels

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<b>Analysis of:</b>	Sec. 4 of S.L. 2020-74		

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**OVERVIEW:** *Section 4 of S.L. 2020-74 amends S.L. 2019-224 to require Wildlife Resources Commission (WRC) to provide notice to the owner of an abandoned or derelict vessel, if possible, post notice on the vessel itself, and allow 30 days for response prior to taking actions to remove and dispose of the abandoned or derelict vessel. This section also directs WRC to prioritize the removal of abandoned and derelict vessels on public waters and lands, and clarifies the definition of "abandoned and derelict vessel."*

*This section became effective July 1, 2020.*

**BACKGROUND:** S.L. 2019-224 allocated \$1,000,000 to the Wildlife Resources Commission (WRC) to inspect, investigate, and remove derelict and abandoned water vessels.

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