

HB 657 -- Boat Docks and Containers on Waterways

Sponsor: Cooper

This bill changes the laws regarding boat docks and the possession of certain containers near waterways.

BOAT DOCKS

Beginning January 1, 2010, a person owning a boat dock on a lake with at least 950 miles of shoreline or on a lake constructed or maintained by the United States Army Corps of Engineers with certain specified exceptions will be required to display the appropriate 911 street address nearest to the dock by land. The bill specifies how and where the address must be displayed. A person who fails to display the identifying information will be guilty of an infraction.

The bill changes the infraction of abandoning a boat dock to include all waters of the state, not just lakes with at least 950 miles of aggregate shoreline, and removes the fine.

POLYSTYRENE OR GLASS CONTAINERS NEAR WATERWAYS

Any person in possession of expanded polystyrene or glass containers, including beverage containers, within 50 feet of a river or stream will be guilty of a class C misdemeanor. These provisions do not apply to developed campgrounds, picnic areas, landings, roads, or parking lots within 50 feet of a river or stream. High density bait containers, used solely to hold fishing bait, are also exempt from these provisions.