

HOUSE BILL NO. 136

INTRODUCED BY ELLISON

BY REQUEST OF THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH, WILDLIFE, AND PARKS

IN THE HOUSE

January 10, 1985	Introduced and referred to Committee on Fish and Game.
January 23, 1985	Committee recommend bill do pass as amended. Report adopted.
January 24, 1985	Bill printed and placed on members' desks.
January 26, 1985	Second reading, do pass.  Considered correctly engrossed.
January 28, 1985	Third reading, passed. Transmitted to Senate.

IN THE SENATE

January 29, 1985	Introduced and referred to Committee on Fish and Game.
March 20, 1985	Committee recommend bill be concurrent in. Report adopted.
March 22, 1985	Second reading, concurred in.
March 25, 1985	Third reading, concurred in. Ayes, 48; Noes, 0.  Returned to House.

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March 26, 1985	Received from Senate.  Sent to enrolling.  Reported correctly enrolled.
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 22 motorboat is numbered and displays valid license decals in  
 23 accordance with this part, with applicable federal law, or  
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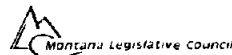
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