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BILL NUMBER: Senate Bill 1028 – Third Reader

SHORT TITLE: Natural Resources - Vessels - Carbon Monoxide Warning Labels

DEPARTMENT’S POSITION: SUPPORT WITH AMENDMENTS

EXPLANATION OF DEPARTMENT’S POSITION

The Department supports the third reader version of SB 1028 with further amendments that refine the scope of the bill and to have the bill language read the same between the two bills. Carbon monoxide warning labels provide a measure of safety and have the potential to save lives. The timing of the requirement and the locations of the label placement align with industry standards, and provide additional safety warnings that could prevent injury or death. The Department would also like consideration for bringing the requirement back to gasoline-powered vessels, and is supportive of the refinement of the kinds of vessels affected, as well as the restriction on imposing penalties for noncompliance. The Department would plan to take an educational approach to ensure boat owners would be aware of and in compliance with this requirement.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Carbon monoxide warning labels have been industry standard since 2007. Stickers are readily available through avenues such as the National Marine Manufacturers Association.

BILL EXPLANATION

The bill requires carbon monoxide warning labels for certain motorized vessels manufactured after a certain date. Currently, only the Senate version does not allow penalties for failure to comply.

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