

Good morning, Senator Watson,

DMV would certainly be able to add a checkbox to the motorboat registration application to capture whether a boat being registered was a wake boat. We would also need to make some changes to our system to capture and report the information to DEC, as well as potentially modify the existing motorboat registration certificate or create a separate permit that would be carried by wake boat operators to indicate their home lake.

My initial thought is that an effective date of January 1, 2027 would give us sufficient time to complete system development and testing, and the procurement of updated motorboat registration applications. I will need to confer with our vendor and development team from the Agency of Digital services to get a more concrete timeline and cost associated with the changes and will get that to you as soon as possible.

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