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An Act to provide for the imposition of a registration fee on operators of certain vessels in respect of those vessels. 1982-35.

[1st January, 1983] Commencement.

1. This Act may be cited as the *Vessels (Registration Fee) Act*. Short title.
2. In this Act,
 - “Licensing Authority” has the meaning assigned to it by section 2 of the *Road Traffic Act*; Definitions, Cap. 295.
 - “operator” means an operator of a vessel that provides passenger service, cruise service or pleasure trips starting and ending in Barbados;
 - “vessels” means any launch, boat, ship or sailing vessel.
3. Every operator shall register his vessel with the Licensing Authority and at the time of registration pay to the Licensing Authority such fee as the Minister may prescribe. Operators to register vessels.
4. (1) Every operator who registers his vessel in accordance with section 3 shall, in the month of January in every subsequent year after registration, pay such annual registration fee as the Minister may prescribe. Annual registration.
- (2) An operator who is required to pay the annual registration fee under this section and fails to pay the fee within the time specified in subsection (1) shall, in respect of his registration fee for that year, pay to the Licensing Authority, in addition to the fee, a sum equal to the fee.
5. The Licensing Authority must keep a register in which he must enter the following particulars in respect of any vessel required to be registered under section 3: Register to be kept.

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- (a) the name of the vessel;
- (b) the name and address of the owner of the vessel;
- (c) the name and address of the operator; and
- (d) the class and size of the vessel.

Certificate of registration.

6. The Licensing Authority must, in respect of each vessel registered in accordance with section 3 and after payment of the registration fee, issue a certificate of registration in such form as the Minister approves.

Fees to be paid into the Consolidated Fund.

7. All fees collected by the Licensing Authority under this Act shall be paid into the Consolidated Fund.

Offence.

8. (1) Any operator who fails, neglects or refuses to register in accordance with section 3 and provides service in contravention of this Act is guilty of an offence and is liable on summary conviction to a fine of \$1 000 or to imprisonment for a term of 1 year;

(2) Where a person is convicted of an offence under subsection (1) and the offence continues after that conviction he is guilty of another offence and is liable to a further fine of \$100 for every day or part thereof on which the offence continues.

Recovery of unpaid registration fee.

9. Notwithstanding section 8, any fee payable under this Act that remains unpaid after 1 month from the date on which the fee becomes payable may be recovered, in civil proceedings, as a debt due to the Crown.

Burden of proof.

10. In any proceedings under this Act, the burden of proving that any provision of the Act has been complied with is on the person against whom the proceedings were initiated.

Regulations.

11. The Minister may make regulations

- (a) generally for the purpose of giving effect to the provisions of this Act; and
- (b) prescribing anything that is required by this Act to be prescribed.