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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 1467, L.D. 2065, Bill, “An Act To Address Decibel Level Limits for Airboats”

Amend the bill in section 2 in paragraph A-1 in the 2nd line (page 1, line 13 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "commissioner by" the following: 'rule. Rules adopted under this paragraph are'

Amend the bill by striking out all of section 3 and inserting the following:

'Sec. 3. Collection of information. The Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife and the Department of Marine Resources jointly shall solicit and collect information regarding airboats, including, but not limited to, information regarding uses of airboats, noise levels and complaints and suggestions for reducing complaints regarding the use of airboats, from interested parties, including, but not limited to, harbor masters, town clerks and residents of coastal towns and airboat users and sellers. Based on the suggestions, the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife and the Commissioner of Marine Resources may jointly submit recommended legislation to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over inland fisheries and wildlife matters by February 1, 2021. The joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over inland fisheries and wildlife matters may report out legislation to the First Regular Session of the 130th Legislature to implement the recommendations. As used in this section, "airboat" means a flat-bottomed watercraft propelled by an aircraft-type propeller and powered by either an aircraft engine or an automotive engine.'

Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively.

SUMMARY

This amendment clarifies that the rules adopted by the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife regarding noise level limits are routine technical rules. The amendment also requires the commissioner and the Commissioner of Marine Resources to submit recommended legislation based on the suggestions solicited.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT