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HOUSE BILL 833

Short Title: Adopt Navigation Rules.

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Sponsors: Representative Brawley.

Referred to: Transportation.

April 16, 1991

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO ADOPT THE INTERNATIONAL NAVIGATION RULES AND THE  
INLAND NAVIGATION RULES AS THE LAW IN THIS STATE.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. Article 5 of Chapter 76 of the General Statutes is amended by  
adding a new section to read:

**"§ 76-40.1. Adoption of navigation rules.**

(a) In order to establish uniform navigation rules for vessels operating on the  
navigable waters of this State, the following are adopted into law:

- (1) The International Navigational Rules Act of 1977, as amended, and  
rules adopted thereunder, also referred to as the International  
Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea (COLREGS), for vessels  
on waters outside of established navigational lines of demarcation as  
specified in Part 80 of Title 33 of the Code of Federal Regulations; and
- (2) The Inland Navigational Rules Act of 1980, as amended, and rules  
adopted thereunder, for vessels on all waters not outside the  
established navigational lines of demarcation.

(b) The Wildlife Resources Commission is responsible for the enforcement of the  
rules adopted by this section.

(c) Violation of the navigation rules adopted by this section shall constitute a  
misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed thirty-five dollars (\$35.00)."

Sec. 2. This act becomes effective October 1, 1991, and applies to acts  
committed on or after that date.