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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 785

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources Policy and Finance

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to watercraft; modifying watercraft-licensing exemptions; amending
1.3 Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 86B.301, subdivision 2.

1.4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.5 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 86B.301, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

1.6 Subd. 2. **Exemptions.** A watercraft license is not required for:

1.7 (1) a watercraft that is covered by a license or number in full force and effect under
1.8 federal law or a federally approved licensing or numbering system of another state, and has
1.9 not been within this state for more than 90 consecutive days, which does not include days
1.10 that a watercraft is laid up at dock over winter or for repairs at a Lake Superior port or
1.11 another port in the state;

1.12 (2) a watercraft from a country other than the United States that has not been within this
1.13 state for more than 90 consecutive days, which does not include days that a watercraft is
1.14 laid up at dock over winter or for repairs at a Lake Superior port or another port in the state;

1.15 (3) a watercraft owned by the United States, an Indian tribal government, a state, or a
1.16 political subdivision of a state, except watercraft used for recreational purposes;

1.17 (4) a ship's lifeboat;

1.18 (5) a watercraft that has been issued a valid marine document by the United States
1.19 government;

- 2.1 (6) from the beginning of the waterfowl-hunting season until December 31, a
2.2 nonmotorized watercraft that is 12 feet in length or less or a waterfowl boat during
2.3 waterfowl-hunting season;
- 2.4 (7) a rice boat during the harvest season;
- 2.5 (8) a seaplane;
- 2.6 (9) a nonmotorized watercraft ten feet in length or less; and
- 2.7 (10) a watercraft that is covered by a valid license or number issued by a federally
2.8 recognized Indian tribe in the state under a federally approved licensing or numbering system
2.9 and that is owned by a member of that tribe.