

HOUSE BILL NO. 5112

October 22, 2025, Introduced by Reps. Prestin, Bohnak and Outman and referred to Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

A bill to amend 1994 PA 451, entitled
"Natural resources and environmental protection act,"
by amending section 80304 (MCL 324.80304), as amended by 2018 PA
678.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 80304. (1) Subject to section 80320(4), and except as
2 provided in section 80306, a person shall not sell or otherwise
3 dispose of a watercraft without delivering to the purchaser or
4 transferee of the watercraft a certificate of title with such
5 assignment on the certificate of title as is necessary to show

1 title in the purchaser.

2 (2) Subject to 80320(4), a person shall not purchase or
3 otherwise acquire a watercraft without obtaining a certificate of
4 title for ~~it~~**the watercraft** in the person's name ~~pursuant to~~**in**
5 **accordance with** this part.

6 (3) Notwithstanding any other provision of this part, the
7 secretary of state may establish, implement, and operate an
8 electronic system to process the notification and transfer of a
9 watercraft ownership interest between parties, if none of the
10 parties is a dealer, through an electronic transfer. If the
11 electronic system is established, a private party that uses the
12 electronic system shall comply with any requirement of this section
13 that the department determines is necessary and provide any
14 information that is required by the department. The department may
15 enter into 1 or more contracts to establish, implement, and operate
16 the electronic system under this subsection. The contract must
17 require the protection of proprietary information contained in the
18 electronic system and other information as protected under this
19 act.