

32-1126. Capacity limits. (a) No person shall operate any vessel on any waters of this state carrying passengers or cargo beyond the safe passenger and cargo carrying capacity of the vessel as specified on the capacity plate required by subsection (b).

(b) Every vessel less than 20 feet in length designed to carry two or more persons and to be propelled by machinery as its principal source of power or designed to be propelled by oars, if manufactured or offered for sale in this state by the manufacturer after November 1, 1972, shall have permanently affixed thereto by the manufacturer a capacity plate as required by this section. Such capacity plate shall bear the following:

(1) For all vessels designed for or represented by the manufacturer as being suitable for use with outboard motor:

(A) The total weight of persons, motor, gear and other articles placed aboard which the vessel is capable of carrying with safety under normal conditions.

(B) The recommended number of persons commensurate with the weight capacity of the vessel and the presumed weight in pounds of each such person. In no instance shall such presumed weight per person be less than 150 pounds.

(C) Clear notice that the information appearing on the capacity plate is applicable under normal conditions and that the weight of the outboard motor and associated equipment is considered to be a part of total weight capacity.

(D) The maximum horsepower of the motor the vessel is designed or intended to accommodate.

(2) For all other vessels to which this section applies:

(A) The total weight of persons, gear and other articles placed aboard which the vessel is capable of carrying with safety under normal conditions.

(B) The recommended number of persons commensurate with the weight capacity of the vessel and the presumed weight in pounds of each such person. In no instance shall such presumed weight per person be less than 150 pounds.

(C) Clear notice that the information appearing on the capacity plate is applicable under normal conditions.

The secretary is authorized to adopt, in accordance with K.S.A. 32-805, and amendments thereto, rules and regulations to carry out the provisions of this section.

The failure to affix a proper capacity plate shall constitute a separate violation for each vessel with respect to which such failure occurs.

History: L. 1970, ch. 408, § 9; L. 1970, ch. 409, § 1; L. 1979, ch. 333, § 1; L. 1989, ch. 118, § 149; July 1.