A Few Facts about

THE UNIFORM CERTIFICATE OF TITLE FOR VESSELS ACT

PURPOSE: The Uniform Certificate of Title for Vessels Act (UCOTVA) will allow each state to issue titles for boats in much the same manner as the states issue titles for automobiles. Standardizing the law will promote financing of boat purchases and help prevent fraudulent transfers. UCOTVA will protect consumers by requiring a title to reveal previous hull damage that could affect the seaworthiness of a vessel.

ORIGIN: Completed by the Uniform Law Commission in 2011.

APPROVED BY: Included in the Council of State Governments Suggested State Legislation 2014, Volume 73, Part 1

ENDORSED BY: National Association of State Boat Law Administrators; National Marine Manufacturers Association

ENACTED BY: Connecticut, District of Columbia, Florida, Hawaii, Virginia

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