

# BOAT EXCISE ABATEMENT APPLICATION

## General Laws Chapter 60B

RETURN APPLICATION FORM AND DOCUMENTATION TO: Board of Assessors \_\_\_\_\_ Somerset \_\_\_\_\_

**INSTRUCTIONS.** To apply for an abatement (or refund if excise has been paid), complete this form and provide the specified documentation.

Abatement applications **must** be received by the assessors within three years after the excise was due, or one year after the excise was paid, whichever is later. To preserve your right to appeal, you must file on time. By law, assessors may only act on late applications in limited circumstances where the excise is still unpaid and their decision in those cases is final.

Filing an application does not stay the collection of your excise bill. To avoid interest, charges, a penalty of \$20.00, or 20% of the excise, whichever is greater, and collection action, including loss of mooring or docking privileges, you must pay the bill in full within 60 days of its issue date. You will receive a refund if an abatement is granted.

**NOTE.** You are **not** entitled to an abatement if you (1) cancel your registration and retain ownership of the boat, or (2) change the registration or location of the boat to another Massachusetts city or town, during the fiscal year.

Return this completed form to:  
**Board of Assessors** • \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ • \_\_\_\_\_ MA \_\_\_\_\_  
 Board of Assessors at ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

----- **Do not write below this line** -----

Year \_\_\_\_\_ Bill # \_\_\_\_\_  
 Valuation \_\_\_\_\_  
 Excise Assessed \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Abatement Allowed \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Adjusted Excise \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Cert # \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_  
 Assessor \_\_\_\_\_  
 Assessor \_\_\_\_\_

Form Approved by Commissioner of Revenue  
 (STF 126-BE)(12/2004)

**BILL INFORMATION:**

Fiscal Year \_\_\_\_\_ Tax Date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Issue Date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Bill Number \_\_\_\_\_  
 Registration/Documentation No. \_\_\_\_\_ Boat Name \_\_\_\_\_ Model Year \_\_\_\_\_ Length \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name (as shown on bill) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address (as shown on bill) \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ City/Town State Zip

Mailing Address (if different) \_\_\_\_\_ City/Town State Zip

**REASON YOU ARE APPLYING FOR AN ABATEMENT:**

Check where applicable

You must provide this documentation

- Boat sold or traded Bill of sale
- Boat total loss Insurance settlement letter
- Boat repossessed Notice from lienholder
- Boat junked Receipt from junk yard
- Boat stolen Police report
- Boat mooring/registration/location changed from billing city/town Date of move: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_  
 Proof of new mooring place for summer of fiscal year of bill, or proof place boat located or registered changed before July 1 of tax year of bill

**NOTE:** You are not entitled to an abatement if you registered or moved the boat elsewhere within Massachusetts during the fiscal year of the excise tax.

- Moved out of state Date of move: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_  
 If registered, registration from new state or country **and** proof of cancellation or expiration of MA registration
- Exemption Type: \_\_\_\_\_ Documentation establishing qualifications
- Other Explain: \_\_\_\_\_ Relevant documentation

Subscribed under the penalties of perjury  
 Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_



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**MOTORBOAT, SNOWMOBILE/ATV STATUS CHANGE FORM**

Boat Registration # MS \_\_\_\_\_ Boat Title # \_\_\_\_\_ Hull ID # \_\_\_\_\_

ATV Registration # SM \_\_\_\_\_

Snowmobile Reg.# SM \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby request the following changes are processed for the above listed Boat/ATV/Snowmobile:

\_\_\_\_\_ My boat/vehicle was sold or traded.

\_\_\_\_\_ My boat/vehicle has been permanently moved to another state.  
 My boat/vehicle is now registered/titled in: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ My boat/vehicle has been destroyed and is no longer usable.

\_\_\_\_\_ My boat has been federally documented with the Coast Guard.  
 (Note: Title must be returned with this request.)

\_\_\_\_\_ My boat is no longer moored or stored in this town on July 1<sup>st</sup>.

New City/Town of Mooring/Storage \_\_\_\_\_

I (we) declare to the best of my (our) knowledge and belief, that all matters stated herein are true and correct under the pains and penalties of perjury.

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Owner name (Please Print)

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Co-Owner Name (Please Print)

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Owner Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Co-Owner Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Date

For Division Use Only	FTN #	Date:	Entered By:
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