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MEMORANDUM

TO: Commission Members

FROM: Cliff Lippard /

Executive Director

DATE: 13 December 2017

SUBJECT: Public Chapter 179, Acts of 2017 (Boat Titling)—Information Panel

Public Chapter 179, Acts of 2017, directs the Commission to study the potential creation and implementation of a boat titling system for Tennessee. The motivation for this study stems, in part, from a 2015 incident in which a Pickwick Lake area boat dealer fraudulently sold the same boats to multiple people. According to court records, the illegal scheme resulted in over half a million dollars in total property loss with 12 reported victims.

The Commission will hear from a panel of stakeholders who are knowledgeable on the issues related to boat titling and boat dealer regulations today, and staff will present the draft report tomorrow. The panel includes

- Kellie Jackson, president of the County Clerks Association;
- Chris Richardson, special assistant to the Director of the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency;
- Paula Shaw, director of the Tennessee Motor Vehicle Commission; and
- Amy Heaslet, senior vice president and general counsel for Tennessee Bankers Association.

Dana Capocaccia, a victim of the Pickwick Lake fraud, and representatives from the Tennessee Department of Revenue have also been invited to attend.