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STATE GOVERNMENT

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the licensure of engineers employed on an
2 excursion gambling boat that has been removed from navigation
3 and is a permanently moored vessel.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 462A.22, unnumbered paragraph 2, Code
2 2005, is amended to read as follows:

3 Any person desiring a pilot's or engineer's license shall
4 file an application with the commission upon forms prepared
5 and furnished by the commission. Such license may be issued
6 by the commission only upon recommendation of an officer duly
7 authorized by the commission. Before the officer recommends
8 such a license, the officer shall investigate the competency
9 of the applicant, the applicant's acquaintance with and
10 experience in boat work, habits as to sobriety, mental and
11 physical qualifications for the work, acquaintance with the
12 waters for which application to operate upon is made,
13 familiarity with the laws and regulations pertaining to the
14 vessel operation and all other pertinent matters. Such
15 license shall not be issued to anyone under eighteen years of
16 age. Any person who holds a current license as a chief
17 engineer, issued by the United States coast guard, and who is
18 employed on an excursion gambling boat that has been removed
19 from navigation and is a permanently moored vessel is eligible
20 for licensure under this section.

21 EXPLANATION

22 Code section 99F.7, subsection 14, provides that an
23 excursion gambling boat that has been removed from navigation
24 and is a permanently moored vessel is to be regulated by the
25 department of natural resources. This bill provides that in
26 licensing engineers to serve on these vessels, the department
27 shall accept current licensure as a chief engineer by the
28 United States coast guard as adequate qualification to serve
29 as an engineer on these moored vessels.

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