

# BOAT EXCISE ABATEMENT APPLICATION

## General Laws Chapter 60B

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

**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 (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

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**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**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Boat sold or traded<br><input type="checkbox"/> Boat total loss<br><input type="checkbox"/> Boat repossessed<br><input type="checkbox"/> Boat junked<br><input type="checkbox"/> Boat stolen<br><input type="checkbox"/> Boat mooring/registration/location changed from billing city/town<br><input type="checkbox"/> Moved out of state<br><input type="checkbox"/> Exemption<br><input type="checkbox"/> Other | Bill of sale<br>Insurance settlement letter<br>Notice from lienholder<br>Receipt from junk yard<br>Police report<br>Date of move: ____/____/____<br>Proof of new mooring place for summer of fiscal year of bill, <b>or</b> proof place boat located or registered changed before July 1 of tax year of bill<br>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.<br>Date of move: ____/____/____<br>If registered, registration from new state or country <b>and</b> proof of cancellation or expiration of MA registration<br>Type: _____ Documentation establishing qualifications<br>Explain: _____ Relevant documentation |
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Subscribed under the penalties of perjury

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_