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# A Bill

SENATE BILL 487

By: Senator J. Woods  
By: Representative Neal

## For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO ALLOW THE USE OF A BOATER EDUCATION  
CERTIFICATE IN AN ACCEPTABLE ELECTRONIC FORMAT IN  
LIEU OF A PAPER CERTIFICATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

### Subtitle

TO ALLOW THE USE OF A BOATER EDUCATION  
CERTIFICATE IN AN ACCEPTABLE ELECTRONIC  
FORMAT IN LIEU OF A PAPER CERTIFICATE.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 27, Chapter 101, Subchapter 5, is amended to add a new section to read as follows:

27-101-502. Electronic proof of boater education.

(a) As used in this section, "acceptable electronic format" means an electronic image produced on the person's own cellular phone or other type of portable electronic device that displays all of the information on the boater education certificate as clearly as the paper boater education certificate.

(b) When any law or regulation of this state requires a person to carry and display upon request a boater education certificate, an electronic copy of the boater education certificate in an acceptable electronic format is sufficient to establish compliance.

(c) The presentment of proof of a boater education certificate in an acceptable electronic format does not:

(1) Authorize a search of any other content of an electronic device without a search warrant or probable cause; or



(2) Expand or restrict the authority of a law enforcement officer to conduct a search or investigation.

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