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2 89th General Assembly  
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# A Bill

SENATE BILL 487

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5 By: Senator J. Woods  
6 By: Representative Neal

## For An Act To Be Entitled

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

## Subtitle

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

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

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

24 27-101-502. Electronic proof of boater education.

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

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

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

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



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

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