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CHAPTER 15

Provisions Affecting Ferries Only

**SECTION 57‑15‑10.** Establishment and operation of ferries and terminals by Department of Transportation and counties.

 (A) The Department of Transportation may provide for the establishment, operation, maintenance, and supervision of public ferries connecting parts of the state highway system.

 (B) The governing body of a county may provide for the establishment, operation, maintenance, and supervision of public ferries connecting parts of public roads located within the county that are not under the control of the department.

 (C) Where the boundary line between adjoining counties runs though a river or other body of water, the governing bodies of the counties may enter into an agreement providing for the establishment, operation, maintenance, and supervision of public ferries connecting state roads in the counties that are not under control of the department.

 (D) The department, or a county governing body, may acquire, own, lease, charter, or otherwise control all vessels, boats, terminals, or other facilities required for the proper operation of ferries established and operated pursuant to this section.

HISTORY: 1962 Code Section 33‑702; 1952 Code Section 33‑702; 1942 Code Section 6046; 1932 Code Section 6046; Civ. C. ‘22 Section 3115; Civ. C. ‘12 Section 2161; Civ. C. ‘02 Section 1431; 1899 (23) 85; 2008 Act No. 250, Section 1, eff June 4, 2008.

Effect of Amendment

The 2008 amendment rewrote this section.

**SECTION 57‑15‑20.** Agreements with private entities.

 The department and county governing bodies may enter into agreements with private entities to finance, acquire, construct, equip, maintain, or operate public ferries, in whole or in part, in this State.

HISTORY: 1962 Code Section 33‑703; 1952 Code Section 33‑703; 1942 Code Section 6043; 1932 Code Section 6043; Civ. C. ‘22 Section 3112; Civ. C. ‘12 Section 2158; Civ. C. ‘02 Section 1428; G. S. 1120; R. S. 1238; 1899 (23) 85; 2008 Act No. 250, Section 1, eff June 4, 2008.

Effect of Amendment

The 2008 amendment rewrote this section.

**SECTION 57‑15‑30.** Contributions to defray operational or maintenance expenses; immunity.

 Contributions from private citizens or public or private entities may be made to defray the operational or maintenance expenses of a ferry operated or maintained pursuant to this chapter. Contributors are immune from civil or criminal liability for damages resulting from acts or omissions of the ferry operator.

HISTORY: 1962 Code Section 33‑704; 1952 Code Section 33‑704; 1942 Code Section 6044; 1932 Code Section 6044; Civ. C. ‘22 Section 3113; Civ. C. ‘12 Section 2159; Civ. C. ‘02 Section 1429; G. S. 1120; R. S. 1238; 1899 (23) 85; 2008 Act No. 250, Section 1, eff June 4, 2008.

Effect of Amendment

The 2008 amendment rewrote this section.

**SECTIONS 57‑15‑40 to 57‑15‑130.** Omitted by 2008, Act No. 250, Section 1, eff June 4, 2008.

Editor’s Note

Former Section 57‑15‑40 was entitled “Form of charter” and was derived from 1962 Code Section 33‑705; 1952 Code Section 33‑705; 1942 Code Section 6047; 1932 Code Section 6047; Civ. C. ‘22 Section 3116; Civ. C. ‘12 Section 2162; Civ. C. ‘02 Section 1432; 1899 (23) 85.

Former Section 57‑15‑50 was entitled “Transportation of passengers, goods or cattle within one mile of established ferry” and was derived from 1962 Code Section 33‑706; 1952 Code Section 33‑706; 1942 Code Section 1606; 1932 Code Section 1606; Cr. C. ‘22 Section 570; Cr. C. ‘12 Section 614; Cr. C. ‘02 Section 440; G. S. 1124; R. S. 351; 1741 (11) 123; 1875 (15) 898.

Former Section 57‑15‑60 was entitled “Rates of toll” and was derived from 1962 Code Section 33‑707; 1952 Code Section 33‑707; 1942 Code Section 6045; 1932 Code Section 6045; Civ. C. ‘22 Section 3114; Civ. C. ‘12 Section 2160; Civ. C. ‘02 Section 1430; G. S. 1120; R. S. 1238; 1899 (23) 85; 1901 (23) 722.

Former Section 57‑15‑70 was entitled “No tolls shall be charged when ferryboat not used” and was derived from 1962 Code Section 33‑708; 1952 Code Section 33‑708; 1942 Code Section 6052; 1932 Code Section 6052; Civ. C. ‘22 Section 3121; Civ. C. ‘12 Section 2167; Civ. C. ‘02 Section 1437; G. S. 1125; R. S. 1242; 1813 (9) 471.

Former Section 57‑15‑80 was entitled “Private ferries shall pass exempt persons free” and was derived from 1962 Code Section 33‑709; 1952 Code Section 33‑709; 1942 Code Section 6053; 1932 Code Section 6053; Civ. C. ‘22 Section 3122; Civ. C. ‘12 Section 2168; Civ. C. ‘02 Section 1438; G. S. 1126; R. S. 1243; 1807 (9) 430.

Former Section 57‑15‑90 was entitled “Delaying passenger at ferries” and was derived from 1962 Code Section 33‑711; 1952 Code Section 33‑711; 1942 Code Section 1607; 1932 Code Section 1607; Cr. C. ‘22 Section 571; Cr. C. ‘12 Section 616; 1904 (24) 444.

Former Section 57‑15‑100 was entitled “Keepers of ferries shall keep banks in order” and was derived from 1962 Code Section 33‑712; 1952 Code Section 33‑712; 1942 Code Section 6049; 1932 Code Section 6049; Civ. C. ‘22 Section 3118; Civ. C. ‘12 Section 2164; Civ. C. ‘02 Section 1434; G. S. 1121; R. S. 1239; 1809 (9) 443.

Former Section 57‑15‑110 was entitled “Slips shall be kept in repair by owners of ferries” and was derived from 1962 Code Section 33‑713; 1952 Code Section 33‑713; 1942 Code Section 6051; 1932 Code Section 6051; Civ. C. ‘22 Section 3120; Civ. C. ‘12 Section 2166; Civ. C. ‘02 Section 1436; G. S. 1123; R. S. 1241; 1821 (9) 515.

Former Section 57‑15‑120 was entitled “Aprons shall be attached to ferry flats” and was derived from 1962 Code Section 33‑714; 1952 Code Section 33‑714; 1942 Code Section 1684; 1932 Code Section 1684; Cr. C. ‘22 Section 630; Civ. C. ‘12 Section 2165; Civ. C. ‘02 Section 1435; G. S. 1122; R. S. 1240; 1824 (9) 544.

Former Section 57‑15‑130 was entitled “Railing guards required for ferryboats” and was derived from 1962 Code Section 33‑715; 1952 Code Section 33‑715; 1942 Code Section 1212; 1932 Code Section 1212; Cr. C. ‘22 Section 100; 1914 (28) 590.

**SECTION 57‑15‑140.** Repealed eff July 1, 2009.

Editor’s Note

Former Section 57‑15‑140 was entitled “Operation of certain ferries on intracoastal waterways; repeal of section; transfer of ferry vessel” and was derived from 1962 Code Section 33‑734; 1952 Code Section 33‑734; 1951 (47) 457; 1955 (49) 97; 1993 Act No. 181, Section 1528; 2008 Act No. 250, Section 1.

Subsection (B) added by 2008 Act No. 250 repealed the section effective July 1, 2009; subsection (C), also added by the 2008 Act, provided that the Department of Transportation would be free of any further obligation to operate the ferry.