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1 AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 2972

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend Senate Bill 2972 by replacing
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The Boat Registration and Safety Act is
5 amended by adding Section 5-24 as follows:

6 (625 ILCS 45/5-24 new)

7 Sec. 5-24. Operation of motorboat, vessel, or personal
8 watercraft; insurance.

9 (a) It is unlawful for the owner of a motorboat of more
10 than 10 horsepower, a vessel over 21 feet long, or a personal
11 watercraft to operate or allow the operation of the motorboat,
12 vessel, or personal watercraft unless it is covered by a
13 liability insurance policy that has been issued by an
14 insurance company licensed in this State. The insurance policy
15 shall provide at least \$50,000 of liability coverage per
16 occurrence. On and after the effective date of this amendatory

1 Act of the 104th General Assembly, the Department shall not
2 approve any new or renewed registration without receiving
3 proof of liability insurance in accordance with this
4 subsection.

5 (b) Every owner or operator of a motorboat of more than 10
6 horsepower, a vessel over 21 feet long, or a personal
7 watercraft shall carry within the motorboat, vessel, or
8 personal watercraft evidence of insurance. The evidence shall
9 be legible and sufficient to demonstrate that the motorboat,
10 vessel, or personal watercraft is currently covered by a
11 liability insurance policy as required under this Section and
12 may include, but is not limited to, the following:

13 (1) an insurance card provided by the insurer under
14 this Section;

15 (2) the current declarations page of a liability
16 insurance policy;

17 (3) a liability insurance binder, certificate of
18 liability insurance, or receipt for payment to an insurer
19 or its authorized representative for a liability insurance
20 premium; or

21 (4) the display of electronic images on a cellular
22 phone or other type of portable electronic device. The use
23 of a cellular phone or other type of portable electronic
24 device to display proof of insurance does not constitute
25 consent for a law enforcement officer, court, or other
26 officer of the court to access other contents of the

1 cellular phone or other type of portable electronic
2 device. Any law enforcement officer, court, or officer of
3 the court presented with the cellular phone or other type
4 of portable electronic device shall be immune from any
5 liability resulting from damage to the cellular phone or
6 other type of portable electronic device.

7 (c) An operator or owner of a motorboat, vessel, or
8 personal watercraft who violates subsection (b) commits a
9 petty offense and shall be fined for a first violation not less
10 than \$50 nor more than \$250, for a second violation not less
11 than \$250 nor more than \$500, and for a third or subsequent
12 violation not less than \$500 nor more than \$1,000.

13 (d) The Department is authorized to adopt rules as
14 necessary to implement this Section."