

HB2782



101ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

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HB2782

by Rep. Andrew S. Chesney

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

625 ILCS 45/5-14

from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 315-9

Amends the Boat Registration and Safety Act. Provides that a person may operate a motorboat that has in tow or is otherwise assisting a person on water skis, an aquaplane, or a similar contrivance in or upon any waterway if the motorboat is occupied by at least one competent person and it is equipped with wide-angle mirrors. Effective immediately.

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A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning transportation.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Boat Registration and Safety Act is amended
5 by changing Section 5-14 as follows:

6 (625 ILCS 45/5-14) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 315-9)

7 Sec. 5-14. Towing of persons.

8 A. No person may operate a motorboat that has in tow or is
9 otherwise assisting a person on water skis, an aquaplane, or a
10 similar contrivance in or upon any waterway, unless the
11 motorboat has a capacity of at least 3 persons, and the
12 motorboat is (1) occupied by at least 2 competent persons or
13 (2) occupied by at least one competent person and equipped with
14 wide-angle mirrors.

15 B. No person may operate a motorboat having in tow or
16 otherwise be assisting a person on water skis, aquaplane or
17 similar contrivance from the period of one-half hour after
18 sunset to one-half hour before sunrise. This paragraph B does
19 not apply to motorboats used in duly authorized water ski
20 tournaments, competitions, exhibitions or trials therefor
21 where adequate lighting is provided.

22 C. All persons operating a motorboat having in tow or
23 otherwise assisting a person on water skis, aquaplane or

1 similar contrivance, must be careful and prudent in their
2 operation and keep at a reasonable distance from persons and
3 property so as not to endanger the life or property of any
4 person.

5 D. No person may operate or manipulate any vessel, tow rope
6 or other device by which the direction or location of water
7 skis, aquaplane, or similar device may be affected or
8 controlled in such a way as to cause the water skis, aquaplane,
9 or similar device, or any persons thereon to collide with or
10 strike against any person or object, except ski jumps, buoys
11 and like objects normally used in competitive or recreational
12 skiing.

13 E. The operator of any watercraft that is towing a person
14 or persons shall display on the watercraft a bright or
15 brilliant orange flag measuring not less than 12 inches per
16 side. The flag shall be displayed at the highest point of the
17 area surrounding the boat's helm as to be visible from all
18 directions, continuously, while the person or persons being
19 towed depart the boat in preparation for towing and until
20 reentry into the boat when the activity has ceased. Display of
21 the flag for purposes other than the activity described in this
22 Section is prohibited.

23 (Source: P.A. 98-697, eff. 1-1-15.)

24 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
25 becoming law.