

1 AN ACT in relation to vehicles.

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  
5 amended 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. Water Skiing.

8 A. No person may operate a motorboat that has in tow or  
9 is otherwise assisting a person on water skis, an aquaplane,  
10 or a similar contrivance in or upon any waterway, unless the  
11 motorboat has a capacity of at least 3 persons and is  
12 occupied by at least 2 competent persons.

13 A-1. A person may not operate a motorboat that has in  
14 tow or is otherwise assisting a person on water skis, an  
15 aquaplane, or a similar contrivance in or upon any waterway,  
16 unless there is in the motorboat a person, in addition to the  
17 operator, in a position to observe the progress of the person  
18 being towed, unless the motorboat is equipped with a ski  
19 mirror approved by the Department.

20 The Director of Natural Resources must adopt rules for  
21 implementing this subsection A-1.

22 B. No person may operate a motorboat having in tow or  
23 otherwise be assisting a person on water skis, aquaplane or  
24 similar contrivance from the period of one-half hour after  
25 sunset to one-half hour before sunrise. This paragraph B does  
26 not apply to motorboats used in duly authorized water ski  
27 tournaments, competitions, exhibitions or trials therefor  
28 where adequate lighting is provided.

29 C. All persons operating a motorboat having in tow or  
30 otherwise assisting a person on water skis, aquaplane or  
31 similar contrivance, must be careful and prudent in their

1 operation and keep at a reasonable distance from persons and  
2 property so as not to endanger the life or property of any  
3 person.

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

12 (Source: P.A. 90-412, eff. 1-1-98.)