

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, mounted in a location
20 inside the motorboat allowing the operator to observe the
21 progress of the person being towed while also safely and
22 legally operating the motorboat. The mirror shall be of a
23 type that recurves and reflects 180 degrees of vision. The
24 reflecting portion of the mirror must be no less than 3
25 inches in width and 8 inches in length.

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

28 B. No person may operate a motorboat having in tow or
29 otherwise be assisting a person on water skis, aquaplane or
30 similar contrivance from the period of one-half hour after
31 sunset to one-half hour before sunrise. This paragraph B does

1 not apply to motorboats used in duly authorized water ski
2 tournaments, competitions, exhibitions or trials therefor
3 where adequate lighting is provided.

4 C. All persons operating a motorboat having in tow or
5 otherwise assisting a person on water skis, aquaplane or
6 similar contrivance, must be careful and prudent in their
7 operation and keep at a reasonable distance from persons and
8 property so as not to endanger the life or property of any
9 person.

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

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