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SENATE FILE 588

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By COMMITTEE ON CONSERVATION
AND RECREATION

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Vote: Ayes35..... Nays0..... Vote: Ayes74..... Nays4.....

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to boating on artificial lakes and impoundments.

2 *Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:*

3 Section 1. Section one hundred six point thirty-one

4 (106.31), Code 1966, is hereby amended as follows:

5 1. By striking all of subsection one (1) and inserting in

6 lieu thereof the following:

7 "No motor boats shall be permitted on any artificial lake

8 under the jurisdiction of the conservation commission except

9 the following:

10 a. Boats equipped with one outboard battery operated

11 electric trolling motor of not more than one and one-half

12 horsepower.

13 b. Boats equipped with outboard motors of not more than

14 six horsepower on all artificial lakes of more than one hundred

15 acres in size."

16 2. By adding at the end thereof the following new subsections:

17 1. "Upon construction of an artificial lake by any political

18 subdivision of this state, such subdivision may, after publica-

19 tion in a newspaper of general circulation in the subdivision,

20 make formal application to the commission for special rules

21 and regulations relating to the operation of watercraft on

22 such lake, and shall set forth therein the reasons which make

23 such special rules and regulations necessary or appropriate.

24 The commission shall promulgate such special rules and regula-

25 tions as provided in this chapter, concerning the operation

- 1 of watercraft on a lake constructed and maintained by a sub-
- 2 division of this state. Such special rules and regulations
- 3 may include the following:
- 4 a. Zoning by area and time to regulate navigation and
- 5 other types of activity.
- 6 b. Regulating the horsepower, size and type of watercraft.”
- 7 2. “The commission may promulgate special rules and regula-
- 8 tions concerning all activities on impoundments constructed by
- 9 or in cooperation with the federal government. Such rules
- 10 and regulations may include the following:
- 11 a. Zoning by area and time to regulate navigation and other
- 12 types of activity.
- 13 b. Regulating the horsepower, size and type of watercraft.”

EXPLANATION OF SENATE FILE 588

This bill will permit the use of certain boat motors on artificial lakes.

It also provides for the regulation of artificial lakes. Many county and municipal recreation lakes are constructed to fulfill specific local needs. To accomplish this, it is sometimes necessary to further regulate the use of the water.

Impoundments created by the Federal Government and cooperative State-Federal projects will add over 25,000 acres of recreation water in Iowa within the next five years. The size of these impoundments will vary from a few acres to a conservation pool of nearly 12,000 acres. To retain the quality of the water and provide a variety of recreation activities on these impoundments, it will be necessary to regulate the activity by zoning and restricting certain sizes and types of craft depending on the size, location, and water quality of the impoundment.