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SENATE FILE 2149

BY MADDOX

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the display of a safety flag by a boat towing
 2 a water skier.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 462A.15, Code 1997, is amended to read
2 as follows:

3 462A.15 WATER SKIS AND SURFBOARDS.

4 1. ~~No~~ A person shall not operate a vessel on any waters of
5 this state under the jurisdiction of the commission for towing
6 a person or persons on water skis, surfboard, or similar
7 device unless ~~there-is-in-such-vessel~~ a responsible person is
8 in such vessel, in addition to the operator, in a position to
9 observe the progress of the person or persons being towed.
10 Each vessel towing a person on water skis, surfboard, or
11 similar device shall also have a safety flag attached to the
12 rear of the vessel which extends not less than five feet above
13 the water. The safety flag shall be triangular in shape with
14 an area of not less than thirty square inches, and be Day-Glo
15 in color. A person convicted of a violation of this
16 subsection is guilty of a simple misdemeanor punishable as a
17 scheduled violation under section 805.8, subsection 3,
18 paragraph "c".

19 2. ~~The-provisions-of-subsections-1-and-2-of-this~~ This
20 ~~section do~~ does not apply to a performer or person engaged in
21 a professional exhibition ~~or-a-person-or-persons-engaged-in-a~~
22 ~~professional-exhibition~~ or to a person ~~or-persons~~ engaged in
23 an activity authorized under section 462A.16.

24 EXPLANATION

25 This bill requires boats to display a safety flag while
26 pulling a water skier. The safety flag shall be displayed at
27 least five feet above the water, and be Day-Glo in color. In
28 addition, the flag must be triangular in shape and be at least
29 30 square inches in size. The penalty for violating this bill
30 is a scheduled fine of \$25.

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