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A BILL FOR

1 An Act requiring certain children to wear personal flotation
2 devices while aboard certain vessels and making a penalty
3 applicable.
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:
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1 Section 1. Section 462A.12, Code Supplement 2003, is
2 amended by adding the following new subsection:

3 NEW SUBSECTION. 14. A person shall not operate a vessel
4 on the waters of this state unless every person on board the
5 vessel who is under thirteen years of age is wearing a type I,
6 II, III, or V personal flotation device that is approved by
7 the United States coast guard while the vessel is under way.
8 This subsection does not apply when the person under thirteen
9 years of age is in a part of the vessel that is fully
10 enclosed, where such enclosure will prevent such person from
11 falling out of or being thrown from the vessel.

12 EXPLANATION

13 This bill adds a new provision to Code section 462A.12
14 concerning prohibited operations of certain vessels. The bill
15 provides that a person shall not operate a vessel on the
16 waters of this state unless every person on board who is under
17 13 years of age is wearing a type I, II, III, or V personal
18 flotation device that is approved by the United States coast
19 guard while the vessel is under way. The new provision does
20 not apply when the person under 13 years of age is in a part
21 of the vessel that is fully enclosed, where the enclosure will
22 prevent that person from falling out of or being thrown from
23 the vessel.

24 For a violation of this provision, there is a scheduled
25 fine of \$25, pursuant to Code section 805.8B, subsection 1,
26 paragraph "c".

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