

**Senate File 2141 - Introduced**

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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to the operation of motorboats on artificial  
2 lakes in the state, and including effective date provisions.  
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 462A.31, subsection 1, paragraph b, Code  
2 2011, is amended to read as follows:

3 b. A motorboat equipped with any power unit mounted  
4 or carried aboard the vessel may be operated at a ~~no-wake~~  
5 five-mile-per-hour speed on all artificial lakes of more than  
6 one hundred acres in size under the custody of the department.  
7 ~~However, on lake Macbride, a motorboat with a power unit~~  
8 ~~exceeding ten horsepower may be operated only when permitted~~  
9 ~~by rule and the rule shall not authorize such use during the~~  
10 ~~period beginning on the Friday before Memorial Day and ending~~  
11 ~~on Labor Day inclusively.~~ This paragraph does not limit  
12 motorboat horsepower on natural lakes under the custody of the  
13 department or limit the department's authority to establish  
14 special speed zoning regulations.

15 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE UPON ENACTMENT. This Act, being deemed of  
16 immediate importance, takes effect upon enactment.

17 EXPLANATION

18 This bill provides that a motorboat may be operated at  
19 a five-mile-per-hour speed on all artificial lakes of more  
20 than 100 acres in size under the custody of the department of  
21 natural resources. Currently, the speed limit for such lakes  
22 is no-wake speed.

23 The bill also strikes a provision limiting the use of motors  
24 exceeding 10 horsepower on lake Macbride during specified dates  
25 during the summer.

26 The bill is effective upon enactment.