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A BILL FOR

1 An Act providing for the operation of certain water vessels
2 while towing a person without an observer.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 462A.15, subsection 2, Code 2021, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 2. This section does not apply to a performer engaged in
4 a professional exhibition, ~~or~~ a person or persons engaged in
5 a professional exhibition, ~~or~~ a person or persons engaged in
6 an activity authorized under section 462A.16, or a person
7 operating a vessel equipped with a mirror, so located as to
8 reflect to the operator a view of the person or persons being
9 towed, or other equipment that allows the operator to observe
10 the towed person or persons while operating the vessel.

11 EXPLANATION

12 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
13 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

14 Current law prohibits a water vessel towing a person from
15 being operated on waters under the jurisdiction of the natural
16 resource commission unless a responsible person, in addition
17 to the operator, is in a position to observe the progress
18 of the person being towed. This prohibition does not apply
19 to performers engaged in a professional exhibition, persons
20 engaged in a professional exhibition, or persons engaged in
21 regattas, races, marine parades, tournaments, or exhibitions.

22 This bill allows a person to operate a vessel while towing a
23 person without an observer if the person operating the vessel
24 is able to observe the towed person while operating the vessel
25 by use of a mirror or other equipment.

26 A violation of Code section 462A.15 is punishable by a
27 scheduled fine of \$35.