

Act No. 174  
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**STATE OF MICHIGAN  
86TH LEGISLATURE  
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Introduced by Reps. Hoffman and Bartnik

# **ENROLLED HOUSE BILL No. 4029**

AN ACT to amend section 62 of Act No. 303 of the Public Acts of 1967, entitled as amended "An act to promote the safe use of the waters of this state; to provide for the taxation and numbering of motorboats and vessels; to provide for rules relative to the operation of vessels and motorboats; the carrying of equipment on such waters and to the use of waters of this state for boating; to promote uniformity of laws relating thereto; to prescribe the duties and responsibilities of owners and operators of vessels and motorboats; to prescribe the powers and duties of certain state departments; to provide for the disposition of revenue; and to provide for penalties," as amended by Act No. 183 of the Public Acts of 1990, being section 281.1062 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

*The People of the State of Michigan enact:*

Section 1. Section 62 of Act No. 303 of the Public Acts of 1967, as amended by Act No. 183 of the Public Acts of 1990, being section 281.1062 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 62. (1) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (4), a person less than 12 years of age shall not operate a motorboat on the waters of this state unless each of the following conditions is met:

- (a) He or she is under the direct supervision of a person 16 years of age or older.
- (b) The motor boat he or she operates is powered by a motor or motors totaling no more than 35 horsepower.

(2) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (4), a person 12 through 15 years of age may operate a motorboat on the waters of this state only if that person complies with either of the following:

- (a) He or she is accompanied by at least 1 person 16 years of age or older.
- (b) He or she is in possession of a boating safety certificate issued after he or she has satisfactorily completed a department approved course in boating safety.

(3) A person 12 through 15 years of age operating a motorboat without the supervision of a person 16 years of age or older shall present the boating safety certificate issued to that person upon demand of any peace officer.

(4) This section does not apply to the operation of a motorboat that is powered by a motor or motors totaling no more than 6 horsepower.

This act is ordered to take immediate effect.

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Clerk of the House of Representatives.

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Secretary of the Senate.

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Governor.