

HOUSE BILL No. 4029

January 31, 1991, Introduced by Reps. Hoffman and Bartnik and referred to the Committee on Tourism, Fisheries and Wildlife.

A bill to amend section 62 of Act No. 303 of the Public Acts of 1967, entitled as amended

"Marine safety act,"

as amended by Act No. 183 of the Public Acts of 1990, being section 281.1062 of the Michigan Compiled Laws; and to add section 72b.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Section 1. Section 62 of Act No. 303 of the Public Acts of
2 1967, as amended by Act No. 183 of the Public Acts of 1990, being
3 section 281.1062 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, is amended and
4 section 72b is added to read as follows:

5 Sec. 62. Except as otherwise provided in section 63, chil-
6 dren less than 12 years of age shall not operate motorboats on
7 the waters of this state. ~~unless accompanied by at least one~~
8 ~~person 16 years of age or older. Children between the ages of 12~~

1 ~~and 16 shall not operate motorboats~~ A PERSON 12 THROUGH 15 YEARS
2 OF AGE MAY OPERATE A MOTORBOAT on the waters of this state
3 ~~unless~~ ONLY IF THAT PERSON IS accompanied by at least ~~one~~ 1
4 person 16 years of age or older, or without ~~such adult~~ THE
5 supervision ~~when~~ OF A PERSON 16 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER ONLY IF
6 HE OR SHE IS in possession of a boating safety certificate issued
7 ~~subsequent to~~ AFTER THAT PERSON HAS satisfactorily ~~completing~~
8 COMPLETED a department approved course in boating safety. ~~When~~
9 ~~so operating, the boating safety certificate shall be in the pos-~~
10 ~~session of the minor operator and shall be presented upon demand~~
11 ~~of any peace officer. The provisions of this section are not~~
12 ~~applicable to any motorboat powered by less than 6 horsepower~~
13 ~~motors.~~ A PERSON 12 THROUGH 15 YEARS OF AGE OPERATING A MOTOR-
14 BOAT WITHOUT ADULT SUPERVISION SHALL BE IN THE POSSESSION OF A
15 BOATING SAFETY CERTIFICATE AND SHALL PRESENT A BOATING SAFETY
16 CERTIFICATE UPON DEMAND OF ANY PEACE OFFICER. THIS SECTION DOES
17 NOT APPLY TO A MOTORBOAT POWERED BY A MOTOR THAT IS 10 HORSEPOWER
18 OR LESS.

19 SEC. 72B. A PERSON OPERATING A MOTORBOAT UNDER POWER OF A
20 MOTOR OR ENGINE ON THE WATERS OF THE STATE SHALL NOT CROSS WITHIN
21 150 FEET BEHIND ANOTHER VESSEL THAT IS TRAVELING AT A SPEED
22 GREATER THAN SLOW--NO WAKE SPEED. THIS SECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO
23 A PERSON OPERATING A MOTORBOAT IN A BOAT RACE OR A MARINE PARADE.