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**REQ. LIFE JACKETS TO BE WORN**

**House Bill 4738**

**Sponsor: Rep. Tracey Yokich**

**Committee: Tourism & Recreation**

**Complete to 6-18-93**

**A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 4738 AS INTRODUCED 5-11-93**

The bill would amend the Marine Safety Act to prohibit a person from operating a vessel on state waters unless every child on board who was less than seven years old was wearing a "type I, type II or type III personal flotation device," as described by administrative rule. The act currently prohibits someone from operating a boat to tow someone else on water skis, a water sled or a similar device unless certain conditions are met (a "competent observer" is on board, a special rear-view mirror is used, etc.). The bill would add to these requirements that the person being towed or assisted by the boat would have to be wearing an authorized personal flotation device. Someone who violated either of these provisions would be guilty of a misdemeanor and could be imprisoned for up to 90 days, fined at least \$100 but not more than \$500, or both, and be required to pay the costs of prosecution.

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