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## REQUIRE IDENTIFICATION OF RAFTS

House Bill 5193

Sponsor: Rep. Terry Geiger

Committee: Conservation and Outdoor  
Recreation

Complete to 4-17-00

### A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 5193 AS INTRODUCED 12-9-00

The bill would amend the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act to prohibit a person from placing or using an anchored raft on the waters of the state unless the name and address of the owner were affixed to each side of the outside of the raft in legible letters not less than two inches high. The letters would have to be readily visible and consist of materials that were not soluble in water. The bill specifies that placing the owner's name and address on a piece of wood, plastic, or other material and affixing that material to the raft would not constitute compliance with the bill's requirements.

A person who violated the bill would be guilty of a misdemeanor, punishable by imprisonment for up to 30 days, a fine of \$100 to \$500, or both, and the costs of prosecution. Upon conviction, the court would have to order the violator to reimburse the government entity that removed the raft from the water an amount equal to three times the costs of removal.

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