

ASSEMBLY, No. 2212

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 212th LEGISLATURE

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SYNOPSIS

Requires children under 16 years old to wear personal flotation device.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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1 AN ACT concerning personal flotation devices and amending
2 P.L.1999, c.161.

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4 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
5 of New Jersey:

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7 1. Section 1 of P.L.1999, c.161 (C.12:7-47.1) is amended to read
8 as follows:

9 1. a. Every person who operates a vessel on the waters of this
10 State with a child [12 years of age or] under 16 years of age on
11 board shall have the child wear at all times a properly fitted United
12 States Coast Guard approved personal flotation device whenever the
13 vessel is underway.

14 b. Any person guilty of violating this act shall be fined not less
15 than \$25 or more than \$50.

16 c. The operator of a vessel shall not be guilty of a violation of
17 this act if a United States Coast Guard flotation device of a size to
18 properly fit the child is not commercially available.
19 (cf: P.L.1999, c.161, s.1)

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21 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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26 This bill would require children under 16 years of age to wear a
27 personal flotation device while traveling on a boat.

28 Under current law, a person operating a vessel on the waters of
29 this State must ensure that every child on board who is 12 years of
30 age or younger is wearing a United States Coast Guard approved
31 personal flotation device while the vessel is underway. A person
32 who violates this provision is fined between \$25 and \$50.

33 This bill would require these operators to ensure that children
34 under 16 years of age wear these devices.

EXPLANATION – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.