



95TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2007 and 2008

HB1411

Introduced 2/21/2007, by Rep. Kurt M. Granberg

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

625 ILCS 45/5-7

from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 315-7

Amends the Boat Registration and Safety Act. Provides that a person may not operate an airboat on any lake that is 24,000 acres in size or larger.

LRB095 08694 DRH 28877 b

1 AN ACT concerning transportation.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Boat Registration and Safety Act is amended
5 by changing Section 5-7 as follows:

6 (625 ILCS 45/5-7) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 315-7)

7 Sec. 5-7. Restricted areas.

8 (a) No person shall operate a watercraft within a water
9 area that has been clearly marked by buoys or some other
10 distinguishing device as a bathing, fishing, swimming or
11 otherwise restricted area by the Department or a political
12 subdivision of the State or by an owner or lessee of property
13 in accordance with his or her rights to the use of the
14 property, except in the manner prescribed by the buoys or other
15 distinguishing devices. This Section shall not apply in the
16 case of an emergency, or to patrol or rescue craft.

17 (b) No person shall operate a watercraft within 150 feet of
18 a public launching ramp owned, operated or maintained by the
19 Department or a political subdivision of the State at greater
20 than a "No Wake" speed as defined in Section 5-12 of this Act.
21 Posting of the areas by the Department or a political
22 subdivision of the State is not required.

23 (c) A person may not operate an airboat on any lake that is

1 24,000 acres in size or larger.

2 (d) The Department and other political subdivisions of the
3 State may, within their discretion and after issuing an
4 administrative rule in accordance with the Illinois
5 Administrative Procedure Act, designate certain areas by
6 proper signs to be bathing, fishing, swimming or otherwise
7 restricted areas, or eliminate, alter or otherwise modify
8 existing areas. The Department or a political subdivision of
9 the State shall further have the authority in order to fully
10 carry out the provisions of this Act to place signs, beacons
11 and buoys in designated areas controlling the flow of traffic.

12 (e) It shall be unlawful for any person to deface, move,
13 obliterate, tear down, or destroy, in whole or in part, or
14 attempt to deface, move, obliterate, tear down or destroy any
15 buoys or signs posted pursuant to the provisions of this Act,
16 except as authorized by the Department.

17 (Source: P.A. 92-651, eff. 7-11-02.)