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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 1814

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend House Bill 1814 as follows:

3 on page 4, below line 16, by inserting the following:

4 "Section 10. The Boat Registration and Safety Act is
5 amended by changing Section 4-1 as follows:

6 (625 ILCS 45/4-1) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 314-1)

7 Sec. 4-1. Personal flotation devices.

8 A. No person may operate a watercraft unless at least one
9 U.S. Coast Guard approved PFD of the following types or their
10 equivalent is on board for each person: Type I, Type II or Type
11 III.

12 B. No person may operate a personal watercraft or specialty
13 prop-craft unless each person aboard is wearing a Type I, Type
14 II, Type III or Type V PFD approved by the United States Coast
15 Guard.

1 C. No person may operate a watercraft 16 feet or more in
2 length, except a canoe or kayak, unless at least one Type IV
3 U.S. Coast Guard approved PFD or its equivalent is on board in
4 addition to the PFD's required in paragraph A of this Section.

5 D. A U.S. Coast Guard approved Type V personal flotation
6 device may be carried in lieu of the Type I, II, III or IV
7 personal flotation device required in this Section, if the Type
8 V personal flotation device is approved for the activity in
9 which it is being used.

10 E. When assisting a person on waterskis, aquaplane or
11 similar device, there must be one U.S. Coast Guard approved PFD
12 on board the watercraft for each person being assisted or towed
13 or worn by the person being assisted or towed.

14 F. No person may operate a watercraft unless each device
15 required by this Section is:

- 16 1. Readily accessible;
- 17 2. In serviceable condition;
- 18 3. Of the appropriate size for the person for whom it
19 is intended; and
- 20 4. Legibly marked with the U.S. Coast Guard approval
21 number.

22 G. Approved personal flotation devices are defined as
23 follows:

24 Type I - A Type I personal flotation device is an
25 approved device designed to turn an unconscious person in
26 the water from a face downward position to a vertical or

1 slightly backward position and to have more than 20 pounds
2 of buoyancy.

3 Type II - A Type II personal flotation device is an
4 approved device designed to turn an unconscious person in
5 the water from a face downward position to a vertical or
6 slightly backward position and to have at least 15 1/2
7 pounds of buoyancy.

8 Type III - A Type III personal flotation device is an
9 approved device designed to keep a conscious person in a
10 vertical or slightly backward position and to have at least
11 15 1/2 pounds of buoyancy.

12 Type IV - A Type IV personal flotation device is an
13 approved device designed to be thrown to a person in the
14 water and not worn. It is designed to have at least 16 1/2
15 pounds of buoyancy.

16 Type V - A Type V personal flotation device is an
17 approved device for restricted use and is acceptable only
18 when used in the activity for which it is approved.

19 H. The provisions of subsections A through G of this
20 Section shall not apply to sailboards.

21 I. No person may operate a watercraft under 26 feet in
22 length unless a Type I, Type II, Type III, or Type V personal
23 flotation device is being properly worn by each person under
24 the age of 13 on board the watercraft at all times in which the
25 watercraft is underway; however, this requirement shall not
26 apply to persons who are below decks or in totally enclosed

1 cabin spaces. The provisions of this subsection I shall not
2 apply to a person operating a watercraft on private property.

3 J. Racing shells, rowing sculls, racing canoes, and racing
4 kayaks are exempt from the PFD, of any type, carriage
5 requirements under this Section.

6 (Source: P.A. 97-801, eff. 1-1-13.)".