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watercraft operation; minors; safety education

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HOUSE BILL 2149

AN ACT

AMENDING TITLE 5, CHAPTER 3, ARTICLE 5, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY
ADDING SECTION 5-342; RELATING TO BOATING AND WATERSPORTS.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Title 5, chapter 3, article 5, Arizona Revised Statutes,
3 is amended by adding section 5-342, to read:

4 5-342. Operation of watercraft; boating safety education;
5 certificate of completion

6 A. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER LAW, BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2025, A
7 PERSON WHO IS BORN AFTER JANUARY 1, 2007 MAY NOT OPERATE A WATERCRAFT THAT
8 IS PROPELLED BY MACHINERY OF MORE THAN FIFTY HORSEPOWER UNLESS THAT PERSON
9 HAS COMPLETED AN APPROVED BOATING SAFETY EDUCATION COURSE PURSUANT TO
10 SUBSECTION B OF THIS SECTION.

11 B. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ADMINISTER A BOATING SAFETY EDUCATION
12 COURSE APPROVED BY A NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF BOATING SAFETY. THE
13 DEPARTMENT MAY APPROVE ADDITIONAL BOATING SAFETY EDUCATION COURSES. THE
14 DEPARTMENT SHALL PROVIDE A LIST OF APPROVED BOATING SAFETY EDUCATION
15 COURSES ON THE DEPARTMENT'S WEBSITE.

16 C. A PERSON WHO COMPLETES A BOATING SAFETY EDUCATION COURSE
17 PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION B OF THIS SECTION SHALL BE ISSUED A CERTIFICATE OF
18 COMPLETION AND SHALL CARRY A PAPER OR ELECTRONIC FORM OF THE CERTIFICATE
19 OF COMPLETION WHEN OPERATING A WATERCRAFT THAT IS PROPELLED BY MACHINERY
20 OF MORE THAN FIFTY HORSEPOWER.

21 D. THE DIRECTOR MAY ENTER INTO RECIPROCITY AGREEMENTS OR CERTIFY
22 BOATING SAFETY EDUCATION PROGRAMS FROM OTHER STATES THAT ARE SUBSTANTIALLY
23 SIMILAR TO PROGRAMS OFFERED PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION B OF THIS SECTION. THE
24 DIRECTOR SHALL ISSUE A CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION TO A PERSON WHO PROVIDES
25 PROOF OF COMPLETION OF A PROGRAM IN ANOTHER STATE OR A SUBSTANTIALLY
26 SIMILAR BOATING SAFETY EDUCATION PROGRAM PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION.