

REFERENCE TITLE: watercraft operation; minors; safety education

State of Arizona  
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# HB 2149

Introduced by  
Representative Cook: Senator Fernandez

## 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; minors; boating safety  
5 education; certificate of completion  
6 A. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER LAW, BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2025, A  
7 PERSON WHO IS UNDER EIGHTEEN YEARS OF AGE MAY NOT OPERATE A WATERCRAFT  
8 THAT IS PROPELLED BY MACHINERY OF MORE THAN TEN HORSEPOWER UNLESS THAT  
9 PERSON HAS COMPLETED AN APPROVED BOATING SAFETY EDUCATION COURSE PURSUANT  
10 TO 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 TEN HORSEPOWER.  
21 Sec. 2. Applicability  
22 This act does not apply to a person who is at least eighteen years  
23 of age on the effective date of this act.