

## LEGISLATIVE BILL 105

Approved by the Governor April 14, 2011

Introduced by Schilz, 47.

FOR AN ACT relating to the State Boat Act; to amend section 37-1241.06, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 37-1241.08, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2010; to change restrictions on operation of motorboats and personal watercraft; to eliminate an obsolete provision; to provide an operative date; and to repeal the original sections.

Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

Section 1. Section 37-1241.06, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

37-1241.06 (1)(a) No person under fourteen years of age shall operate a motorboat or personal watercraft on the waters of this state.

(b) No person under sixteen years of age shall operate a motorboat or personal watercraft on the waters of this state with an individual in tow behind the motorboat or personal watercraft.

~~(2) Effective May 1, 2000, and until January 1, 2004, a person under sixteen years of age shall not operate a motorboat or personal watercraft on the waters of this state unless he or she has successfully completed a boating safety course approved by the commission and has been issued a valid boating safety certificate.~~

~~(3) (2) Effective January 1, 2004, a 2012, no person under eighteen years of age born after December 31, 1985, shall not operate a motorboat or personal watercraft on the waters of this state unless he or she has successfully completed a boating safety course approved by the commission and has been issued a valid boating safety certificate.~~

~~(4) (3) The commission may charge a fee of no more than ten dollars for a boating safety course required by this section.~~

Sec. 2. Section 37-1241.08, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2010, is amended to read:

37-1241.08 Sections 37-1241.01 to 37-1241.07 shall not apply to a person operating a motorboat or personal watercraft and participating in a regatta, race, marine parade, tournament, or exhibition which has been authorized or permitted by the commission pursuant to sections 37-1262 and 37-1263 or to a person who is otherwise exempt from the provisions of the State Boat Act.

Sec. 3. This act becomes operative on January 1, 2012.

Sec. 4. Original section 37-1241.06, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 37-1241.08, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2010, are repealed.