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By Senators Roach, Rasmussen, Kastama, Haugen and Kline

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1 AN ACT Relating to the regulation of recreational vessels; adding
2 a new section to chapter 79A.60 RCW; and prescribing penalties.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 79A.60 RCW
5 to read as follows:

6 (1) No person may operate a motor driven boat or vessel or have the
7 engine of a motor driven boat or vessel run idle while an individual is
8 teak surfing, platform dragging, or bodysurfing behind the motor driven
9 boat or vessel.

10 (2) No person may operate a motor driven boat or vessel or have the
11 engine of a motor driven boat or vessel run idle while an individual is
12 occupying or holding onto the swim platform, swim deck, swim step, or
13 swim ladder of the motor driven boat or vessel.

14 (3) Subsection (2) of this section does not apply when an
15 individual is occupying the swim platform, swim deck, swim step, or
16 swim ladder for a very brief period of time while assisting with the
17 docking or departure of the vessel, while exiting or entering the
18 vessel, or while the vessel is engaged in law enforcement or emergency
19 rescue activity.

1 (4) For the purposes of this section, "teak surfing" or "platform
2 dragging" means holding onto the swim platform, swim deck, swim step,
3 swim ladder, or any portion of the exterior of the transom of a motor
4 driven boat or vessel for any amount of time while the motor driven
5 boat or vessel is underway at any speed.

6 (5) For the purposes of this section, "bodysurfing" means swimming
7 or floating on one's stomach or on one's back on or in the wake
8 directly behind a motor driven boat or vessel that is underway.

9 (6) A violation of this section is an infraction punishable as
10 provided under chapter 7.84 RCW.

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