

House _____ Amendment NO. _____

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1 AMEND House Bill No. 1962, Page 1, In the Title, Lines 2 and 3, by deleting the words "boat title
2 and registration fees" and inserting in lieu thereof the word "watercraft"; and
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4 Further amend said bill, Page 3, Section 306.030, Line 79, by inserting after all of said section and
5 line the following:
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7 "306.100. 1. For the purpose of this section, vessels shall be divided into four classes as
8 follows:

- 9 (1) Class A, less than sixteen feet in length;
10 (2) Class 1, at least sixteen and less than twenty-six feet in length;
11 (3) Class 2, at least twenty-six and less than forty feet in length;
12 (4) Class 3, forty feet and over.

13 2. All vessels shall display from sunset to sunrise the following lights when under way, and
14 during such time no other lights, continuous spotlights or docking lights, or other nonprescribed
15 lights shall be exhibited:

16 (1) Vessels of classes A and 1:

17 (a) A bright white light aft to show all around the horizon;

18 (b) A combined light in the forepart of the vessel and lower than the white light aft,
19 showing green to starboard and red to port, so fixed as to throw the light from right ahead to two
20 points (22 1/2 degrees) abaft the beam on their respective sides;

21 (2) Vessels of classes 2 and 3:

22 (a) A bright white light in the forepart of the vessel as near the stem as practicable, so
23 constructed as to show the unbroken light over an arc of the horizon of twenty points (22 1/2 degrees)
24 of the compass, so fixed as to throw the light ten points (11 1/2 degrees) on each side of the vessel;
25 namely, from right ahead to two points (22 1/2 degrees) abaft the beam on either side;

26 (b) A bright white light aft to show all around the horizon and higher than the white light
27 forward;

28 (c) On the starboard side a green light so constructed as to show an unbroken light over an
29 arc of the horizon of ten points (11 1/2 degrees) of the compass, so fixed as to throw the light from
30 right ahead to two points (22 1/2 degrees) abaft the beam on the starboard side; on the port side a
31 red light so constructed as to show an unbroken light over an arc of the horizon of ten points (11 1/2
32 1/2 degrees) of the compass, so fixed as to throw the light from right ahead to two points (22 1/2
33 degrees) abaft the beam on the portside. The side lights shall be fitted with inboard screens so set as
34 to prevent these lights from being seen across the bow;

35 (3) Vessels of classes A and 1 when propelled by sail alone shall exhibit the combined light
36 prescribed by this section and a twelve point (135 degree) white light aft. Vessels of classes 2 and 3,

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1 when so propelled, shall exhibit the colored side lights, suitably screened, prescribed by this section
2 and a twelve point (135 degree) white light aft;

3 (4) All vessels between the hours of sunset and sunrise that are not under way, moored at
4 permanent dockage or attached to an immovable object on shore so that they do not extend more
5 than fifty feet from the shore shall display one three-hundred-sixty-degree white light visible three
6 hundred sixty degrees around the horizon;

7 (5) Every white light prescribed by this section shall be of such character as to be visible at
8 a distance of at least two miles. Every colored light prescribed by this section shall be of such
9 character as to be visible at a distance of at least one mile. The word "visible" in this subsection,
10 when applied to lights, shall mean visible on a dark night with clear atmosphere;

11 (6) When propelled by sail and machinery every vessel shall carry the lights required by this
12 section for a motorboat propelled by machinery only.

13 3. Any watercraft not defined as a vessel shall, from sunset to sunrise, carry, ready at hand,
14 a lantern or flashlight showing a white light which shall be exhibited in sufficient time to avert
15 collision.

16 4. Any vessel may carry and exhibit the lights required by the federal regulations for
17 preventing collisions at sea, in lieu of the lights required by subsection 2 of this section.

18 5. All other watercraft over sixty-five feet in length and those propelled solely by wind
19 effect on the sail shall display lights prescribed by federal regulations.

20 6. Any watercraft used by a person engaged in the act of sport fishing is not required to
21 display any lights required by this section if no other vessel is within the immediate vicinity of the
22 first vessel, the vessel is using an electric trolling motor and the vessel is within fifty feet of the
23 shore.

24 7. Every vessel, except those in class A, shall have on board at least one wearable personal
25 flotation device of type I, II or III for each person on board and each person being towed who is not
26 wearing one. Every such vessel shall also have on board at least one type IV throwable personal
27 flotation device.

28 8. All class A motorboats and all watercraft traveling on the waters of this state shall have
29 on board at least one type I, II, III or IV personal flotation device for each person on board and each
30 person being towed who is not wearing one.

31 9. All lifesaving devices required by subsections 7 and 8 of this section shall be United
32 States Coast Guard approved, in serviceable condition and so placed as to be readily accessible.
33 The operator of any watercraft in violation of this subsection is guilty of an infraction and shall be
34 fined not more than twenty-five dollars. All other provisions of law and court rules to the contrary
35 notwithstanding, no court costs shall be imposed on any person due to a violation of this section.

36 10. Every vessel which is carrying or using flammable or toxic fluid in any enclosure for
37 any purpose, and which is not an entirely open vessel, shall have an efficient natural or mechanical
38 ventilation system which must be capable of removing resulting gases prior to and during the time
39 the vessel is occupied by any person.

40 11. Motorboats shall carry on board at least the following United States Coast Guard
41 approved fire extinguishers:

42 (1) Every class A and every class 1 motorboat carrying or using gasoline or any other
43 flammable or toxic fluid, one B1 type fire extinguisher;

44 (2) Every class 2 motorboat:

45 (a) Two B1 type fire extinguishers; or

46 (b) One B2 type fire extinguisher; or

47 (c) A fixed fire extinguishing system and one B1 type fire extinguisher; and

48 (3) Every class 3 motorboat:

- 1 (a) Three B1 type fire extinguishers; or
2 (b) One B2 type and one B1 type fire extinguisher; or
3 (c) A fixed fire extinguishing system and one B2 type fire extinguisher; or
4 (d) A fixed fire extinguishing system and two B1 type fire extinguishers.

5 12. All class 1 and 2 motorboats and vessels shall have a sounding device. All class 3
6 motorboats and vessels shall have at least a sounding device and one bell.

7 13. No person shall operate any watercraft which is not equipped as required by this section.

8 14. A water patrol division officer may direct the operator of any watercraft being operated
9 without sufficient personal flotation devices, fire-fighting devices or in an overloaded or other
10 unsafe condition or manner to take whatever immediate and reasonable steps are necessary for the
11 safety of those aboard when, in the judgment of the officer, such operation creates a hazardous
12 condition. The officer may direct the operator to return the watercraft to the nearest safe mooring
13 and to remain there until the situation creating the hazardous condition is corrected.

14 15. A water patrol division officer may remove any unmanned or unattended watercraft
15 from the water when, in the judgment of the officer, the watercraft creates a hazardous condition.

16 16. Nothing in this section shall prohibit the use of additional specialized lighting used in
17 the act of sport fishing.

18 306.125. 1. Every person shall operate a motorboat, vessel or watercraft in a careful and
19 prudent manner and at a rate of speed so as not to endanger the property of another or the life or
20 limb of any person and shall exercise the highest degree of care.

21 2. No person shall operate a motorboat, vessel or watercraft at any time from a half-hour
22 after sunset until an hour before sunrise the following day at a speed exceeding thirty miles per
23 hour.

24 3. Vessels shall not be operated within one hundred feet of any dock, pier, occupied
25 anchored boat or buoyed restricted area on any lake at a speed in excess of slow-no wake speed. The
26 operator of any vessel in violation of this subsection is guilty of an infraction and shall be fined not
27 more than twenty-five dollars. All other provisions of law and court rules to the contrary
28 notwithstanding, no court costs shall be imposed on any person due to a violation of this section.

29 4. Subsection 1 of this section shall not apply to a motorboat or other boat race authorized
30 under section 306.130.

31 Section B. Because immediate action is necessary to preserve the safety of the citizens of
32 Missouri on the waters of Missouri, the repeal and reenactment of sections 306.100 and 306.125 of
33 section A of this act is deemed necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health,
34 welfare, peace, and safety, and is hereby declared to be an emergency act within the meaning of the
35 constitution, and the repeal and reenactment of sections 306.100 and 306.125 of section A of this act
36 shall be in full force and effect upon its passage and approval."; and

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38 Further amend said bill by amending the title, enacting clause, and intersectional references
39 accordingly.
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