

HB 1885 -- WATER SAFETY

SPONSOR: Wood

This bill specifies that cruisers, vessels measuring over 45 feet in length, will not be operated at a speed greater than slow-no wake speed within 300 feet of a shore. Certain vessels must not engage in "plowing," which means to intentionally operate a vessel with the bow elevated, within 300 feet of any dock, pier, occupied anchored boat, or buoyed restricted area on any portion of a Missouri lake.

This bill further specifies that the Water Patrol Division of the State Highway Patrol will periodically review policies and make recommendations regarding slow-no wake laws. The Water Patrol Division must also provide citizens with information and guidance regarding establishment of cove watch programs.