



## 2001 ASSEMBLY BILL 586

October 19, 2001 - Introduced by Representatives STASKUNAS, RYBA, MUSSER, STARZYK, BOCK, URBAN, OTT, VRAKAS, FREESE, AINSWORTH, MILLER, SHILLING, SYKORA, BERCEAU and COLON, cosponsored by Senator BURKE. Referred to Committee on Natural Resources.

1     **AN ACT** *to amend* 30.62 (3) (a); and *to create* 30.62 (3) (c) of the statutes;  
2             **relating to:** requiring that personal flotation devices be worn by certain  
3             underaged persons in certain boats.

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***Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau***

Under current law, each boat must have on it a personal flotation device for each person riding in or on the boat. Under this bill, a person may not operate a boat that is less than 26 feet in length with a motor of more than 25 horsepower unless, during the time the boat is under way, every person on the boat who is 12 years old or younger is wearing a personal flotation device or is in a cabin space or below the deck.

For further information see the ***state and local*** fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

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***The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:***

4             **SECTION 1.** 30.62 (3) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:  
5             30.62 (3) (a) Every boat, except a sailboard and except as provided in ~~par. (b)~~  
6             pars. (b) and (c), shall carry at least one personal flotation device prescribed by

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1 federal regulations for each person on board or being attended by the boat, so placed  
2 as to be readily accessible and available to the persons.

3 **SECTION 2.** 30.62 (3) (c) of the statutes is created to read:

4 30.62 (3) (c) No person may operate a boat that is less than 26 feet in length,  
5 that is being driven by a motor of more than 25 horsepower, and that is under way  
6 unless each person on the boat who is 12 years of age or under is wearing a personal  
7 flotation device or is in a cabin space or below the deck. The personal flotation device  
8 shall be a type I, type II, type III, or type V personal flotation device as specified under  
9 33 CFR part 175, subpart B.

10 (END)