



**Fiscal Estimate Narratives**  
**DNR 7/9/2003**

LRB Number <b>03-1811/1</b>	Introduction Number <b>AB-297</b>	Estimate Type <b>Original</b>
<b>Subject</b> Use of personal flotation devices		

**Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate**

Bill Summary: Currently, while boating, there must be a personal flotation device (PFD) for each person in 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, unless 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.

Fiscal Estimate: The fiscal impact of this bill is two part: a stepped up informational campaign that promotes the wearing of PFDs, and increased law enforcement presence to address non-compliance.

The informational campaign will require Law Enforcement Officers to spend extra time with each boater to explain the law. This will reduce the number of contacts made with boaters per year (approximately 70,000 under current staffing). In addition, this proposal will require public service announcements on radio and television. This is estimated to cost \$40,000 per year, but this cost will be offset by a reduction in other boating PSAs.

Approximately 70,000 contacts with boaters are made per year with current state law enforcement staffing. It is estimated that there will be, at a minimum, a 5% non-compliance rate with this proposal, even with the informational outreach. That equates to 3,200 boaters out of the 70,000 typically contacted who will be in violation. (Law enforcement typically contacts 7%-10% of the 875,000 boaters in this state). If citations were issued to 10% of the people contacted and verbal warnings to the remaining 90%, then it would require 1.0 FTE worth of effort to carry out this proposal (320 persons receiving citations x 1.50 hours per citation including court time/ 1830 hours per FTE)+ (2,700 persons receiving warnings x 0.50 hours per warning/1830 hours per FTE). The time needed to carry out this proposal will come from a redirection of current boating enforcement activities.

One likely outcome from this legislation is that, after an initial period of enforcement and education, perhaps in the neighborhood of 1-2 years, accidents and fatalities related to this activity would decrease. This would have the effect of allowing both the boating PSAs and the boating enforcement hours to shift back to their current uses.

The costs to local units of government will be similar to the costs estimated by the department. There will be an increase in the time and effort spent on education and on enforcement of the new PDF laws, but this priority will be absorbed into the existing budget of the local governments.

**Long-Range Fiscal Implications**

## Fiscal Estimate Worksheet - 2003 Session

Detailed Estimate of Annual Fiscal Effect

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  Supplemental

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<b>Subject</b>			
Use of personal flotation devices			
<b>I. One-time Costs or Revenue Impacts for State and/or Local Government (do not include in annualized fiscal effect):</b>			
<b>II. Annualized Costs:</b>		<b>Annualized Fiscal Impact on funds from:</b>	
		Increased Costs	Decreased Costs
<b>A. State Costs by Category</b>			
	State Operations - Salaries and Fringes	\$	
	(FTE Position Changes)		
	State Operations - Other Costs		
	Local Assistance		
	Aids to Individuals or Organizations		
	<b>TOTAL State Costs by Category</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>B. State Costs by Source of Funds</b>			
	GPR		
	FED		
	PRO/PRS		
	SEG/SEG-S		
<b>III. State Revenues - Complete this only when proposal will increase or decrease state revenues (e.g., tax increase, decrease in license fee, etc.)</b>			
		Increased Rev	Decreased Rev
	GPR Taxes	\$	\$
	GPR Earned		
	FED		
	PRO/PRS		
	SEG/SEG-S		
	<b>TOTAL State Revenues</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>NET ANNUALIZED FISCAL IMPACT</b>			
		State	Local
	NET CHANGE IN COSTS	\$	\$
	NET CHANGE IN REVENUE	\$	\$
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