



2003 ASSEMBLY BILL 297

April 23, 2003 - Introduced by Representatives STASKUNAS, JESKEWITZ, HINES, AINSWORTH, BERCEAU, HUNDERTMARK, J. LEHMAN and VAN ROY, cosponsored by Senator ROESSLER. 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 underage persons in certain boats.

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.

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)