

# State of Wisconsin



2019 Assembly Bill 704

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## 2019 WISCONSIN ACT 115

AN ACT *to renumber and amend* 30.678 (1) (d); *to amend* 30.678 (1) (b) and 30.678 (1) (c) 2.; and *to create* 30.678 (1) (d) 2. of the statutes; **relating to:** operation of motorboats by minors.

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

**SECTION 1.** 30.678 (1) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

30.678 (1) (b) No person who is at least 10 years of age but under 12 years of age may operate a motorboat unless he or she is accompanied in the motorboat by a parent or guardian or by a person who is at least 18 years of age and who is designated by a parent or guardian and the parent, guardian, or designated adult holds a valid boating safety certificate issued under s. 30.74 (1) (a) or a valid boating safety certificate that is honored under s. 30.74 (1) (c) or was born before January 1, 1989.

**SECTION 2.** 30.678 (1) (c) 2. of the statutes is amended to read:

30.678 (1) (c) 2. The person is accompanied in the motorboat by a parent or guardian or by a person who is at least 18 years of age and who is designated by a parent or guardian and the parent, guardian, or designated adult holds a valid boating safety certificate issued under s.

30.74 (1) (a) or a valid boating safety certificate that is honored under s. 30.74 (1) (c) or was born before January 1, 1989.

**SECTION 3.** 30.678 (1) (d) of the statutes is renumbered 30.678 (1) (d) (intro.) and amended to read:

30.678 (1) (d) (intro.) No person who was born on or after January 1, 1989, and who is 16 years of age or older may operate a motorboat unless the one of the following applies:

1. The person holds a valid boating safety certificate issued under s. 30.74 (1) (a) or a valid boating safety certificate that is honored under s. 30.74 (1) (c).

**SECTION 4.** 30.678 (1) (d) 2. of the statutes is created to read:

30.678 (1) (d) 2. The person is accompanied in the motorboat by another person who is at least 18 years of age and that person holds a valid boating safety certificate issued under s. 30.74 (1) (a) or a valid boating safety certificate that is honored under s. 30.74 (1) (c) or was born before January 1, 1989.

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\* Section 991.11, WISCONSIN STATUTES: Effective date of acts. "Every act and every portion of an act enacted by the legislature over the governor's partial veto which does not expressly prescribe the time when it takes effect shall take effect on the day after its date of publication."