

Senate Bill 131

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## CHAPTER 116

AN ACT to amend 30.68 (7); to repeal and recreate 30.74 (2); and to create 30.68 (12) of the statutes, relating to uniform navigational aids.

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

SECTION 1. 30.68 (7) of the statutes is amended to read:

30.68 (7) No person shall operate a boat within a water area which has been clearly marked ~~in accordance with law~~ by buoys or some other distinguishing device as a bathing or swimming area; *nor operate a boat in restricted use areas contrary to regulatory notice pursuant to s. 30.74 (2)*. This subsection does not apply in the case of an emergency, or to patrol or rescue craft.

SECTION 2. 30.68 (12) of the statutes is created to read:

30.68 (12) MOLESTING OR DESTROYING AIDS TO NAVIGATION AND REGULATORY MARKERS. No unauthorized person shall move, remove, molest, tamper with, destroy or attempt to destroy, or moor or fasten a boat (except to mooring buoys) to any navigation aids or regulatory markers, signs or other devices established and maintained to aid boaters.

SECTION 3. 30.74 (2) of the statutes is repealed and recreated to read:

30.74 (2) UNIFORM NAVIGATION AIDS. (a) By rule establish uniform marking of the water areas of this state through the placement of aids to navigation and regulatory markers. Such rules shall establish a marking system compatible with the system of aids to navigation prescribed by the

U. S. coast guard and shall give due regard to the system of uniform waterway markers approved by the advisory panel of state officials to the merchant marine council, U.S. coast guard. After January 1, 1968, no municipality or person shall mark the waters of this state in any manner in conflict with the marking system prescribed by the conservation commission. Any marker which does not comply with such marking system by January 1, 1968, is deemed an unlawful obstruction to navigable waters and may be removed in accordance with law.

(b) For purposes of this section "aids to navigation" means buoys, beacons and other fixed objects in the water which are used to mark obstructions to navigation or to direct navigation through safe channels; "regulatory markers" means any anchored or fixed marker in the water or anchored platform on the surface of the water, other than aids to navigation, and shall include but not be limited to bathing beach markers, speed zone markers, information markers, mooring buoys, fishing buoys and restricted activity area markers.

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