

1999 ASSEMBLY BILL 175

March 8, 1999 – Introduced by Representatives STASKUNAS, HASENOHRL, MUSSER, BOCK, MILLER, RYBA, SINICKI, SYKORA, GOETSCH, TURNER, COLON, STONE, LASSA and JESKEWITZ. 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.

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, each person ten years old or younger who is riding in a boat that is less than 26 feet in length must wear a personal flotation device while the boat is being operated unless he or she 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 who is 10 years of age or under may be in a boat that
5 is less than 26 feet in length while the boat is being operated without wearing a
6 personal flotation device that is a type I, type II, type III or type V personal flotation
7 device as specified under 33 CFR part 175, subpart B unless the person is in a cabin
8 space or below the deck.

9 (END)