



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

2017 Assembly Bill 575

Assembly Amendments 2 & 4

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2017 ASSEMBLY BILL 575

Assembly Bill 575 prohibits the operation of a recreational watercraft unless all passengers who are under the age of 10 are wearing a personal flotation device while the vessel is underway or the passengers under 10 years old remain below deck or in an enclosed cabin. The penalty for a violation of this requirement is a forfeiture of up to \$50 for a first violation and up to \$100 for a second or subsequent violation. The bill exempts these forfeitures from additional court costs and surcharges.

ASSEMBLY AMENDMENT 2

Assembly Amendment 2 specifies that this prohibition also applies to a person under 10 years old who is participating in a recreational activity that involves being towed by the vessel.

ASSEMBLY AMENDMENT 4

Assembly Amendment 4 reduces the penalty for the first violation of this prohibition from \$50 to \$10, and provides that the penalty for a second violation is a forfeiture of up to \$50 and the penalty for a third or subsequent violation is a forfeiture of up to \$100.

BILL HISTORY

Assembly Amendment 2 was introduced by Representatives Mursau and Tusler on November 29, 2017 and Assembly Amendment 4 was introduced by Representative Mursau on December 5, 2017. On December 6, 2017, the Assembly Committee on Natural Resources and Sporting Heritage voted to recommend adoption of both amendments by unanimous votes and to recommend passage of the bill, as amended, by a vote of Ayes, 9; Noes, 3.

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