

State of Misconsin 2023 - 2024 LEGISLATURE

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2023 SENATE BILL 1016

February 13, 2024 - Introduced by Senator Jacque, cosponsored by Representative Sinicki. Referred to Committee on Financial Institutions and Sporting Heritage.

- AN ACT to amend 30.68 (4) (title); and to create 30.68 (4) (c) of the statutes;
- 2 **relating to:** the operation of a motorboat causing an amplified wake.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill restricts the operation of a motorboat causing an amplified wake, which the bill defines as a boat wake the height of which is intentionally amplified through the use of ballast, boat design features, or operational procedures. The bill prohibits such operation on a lake smaller than 1,500 acres, on a lake with a maximum depth of less than 20 feet, and less than 700 feet from the shoreline or from any boat, swimmer, or other water user on a river or on a lake that is 1,500 acres or larger.

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

- **Section 1.** 30.68 (4) (title) of the statutes is amended to read:
- 4 30.68 (4) (title) Creating hazardous wake or wash or amplified wake.
- 5 **Section 2.** 30.68 (4) (c) of the statutes is created to read:

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- 30.68 (4) (c) 1. In this paragraph, "amplified wake" means a boat wake the height of which is intentionally amplified through the use of ballast, boat design features, or operational procedures.
- 2. On a lake that is smaller than 1,500 acres, no person may operate a motorboat causing an amplified wake.
- 3. On a lake the maximum depth of which is less than 20 feet, no person may operate a motorboat causing an amplified wake.
- 4. On a river or on a lake that is 1,500 acres or larger, no person may operate a motorboat causing an amplified wake less than 700 feet from the shoreline or from any boat, swimmer, or other individual using the water.

11 (END)