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2017 SENATE BILL 610

November 30, 2017 - Introduced by Senators LEMAHIEU and WANGGAARD, cosponsored by Representatives JARCHOW, R. BROOKS, FELZKOWSKI, KREMER, KUGLITSCH, KULP, MURSAU, SKOWRONSKI and TUSLER. Referred to Committee on Sporting Heritage, Mining and Forestry.

- 1 **AN ACT** *to renumber* 30.68 (9); and *to create* 30.68 (9) (a) of the statutes;
2 **relating to:** safe carrying capacity on a boat.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill defines the safe carrying capacity on a boat based solely on the maximum allowed total weight of person, motor, gear, and other articles placed aboard a boat and not on the number of persons allowed aboard a boat.

Current law prohibits a person from operating, and a boat owner from allowing a person to operate, a boat that is loaded with passengers or cargo beyond its safe carrying capacity, taking into consideration weather and other existing operating conditions. Under current Department of Natural Resources Administrative Code, "safe carrying capacity" is defined as either the maximum number of persons allowed and the maximum allowed total weight of person, motor, gear, and other articles placed aboard as displayed on the boat's capacity plate, under normal conditions, or less than the maximum number of persons or the maximum allowed total weight of person, motor, gear, and other articles placed aboard as displayed on a boat's capacity plate when taking into consideration abnormal weather or other existing operating conditions.

This bill codifies this definition of "safe carrying capacity," but eliminates the reference to the maximum number of persons allowed, instead basing the definition solely on the maximum weight allowed.

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

