

NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACT (EXCERPT)
Act 451 of 1994

324.80141 Operation of motorboat by person less than 12 years of age; operation of motorboat by person 12 through 15 years of age; operation of motorboat by person on or after July 1, 1996.

Sec. 80141. (1) Except as otherwise provided in this section, a person less than 12 years of age shall not operate a motorboat on the waters of this state unless all of the following conditions are met:

(a) He or she has been issued and is in possession of a boating safety certificate.

(b) He or she is under the direct supervision of a person on board the motorboat who is 16 years of age or older.

(c) The motorboat he or she operates is powered by a motor or motors totaling no more than 35 horsepower.

(2) Except as otherwise provided in this section, a person 12 through 15 years of age may operate a motorboat on the waters of this state only if that person complies with either of the following:

(a) He or she is accompanied by at least 1 person 16 years of age or older.

(b) He or she is in possession of a boating safety certificate issued after he or she has satisfactorily completed a department approved course in boating safety.

(3) A person operating a motorboat as described in this section shall present the boating safety certificate issued to him or her upon the demand of any peace officer.

(4) This section does not apply to the operation of a motorboat that is powered by a motor or motors totaling no more than 6 horsepower.

(5) Beginning July 1, 2012, a person who is born on or after July 1, 1996 shall not operate a motorboat on the waters of this state unless the person has been issued and is in possession of a boating safety certificate.

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