

SENATE No. 1247

By Mr. Wetmore, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1247) of Robert D. Wetmore and Christa A. Senecal for legislation to further regulate the operation of motorboats. Public Safety.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty-Six.

AN ACT TO FURTHER REGULATE THE OPERATION OF MOTORBOATS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Section 8 of Chapter 90B of the General Laws, as most recently
2 amended by Chapter 551 of the Acts of 1979, is hereby further
3 amended by adding the following new subsection: —

4 (f) No person under eighteen years of age shall operate a
5 motorboat powered by a motor in excess of five horsepower on
6 the waters of the state without first obtaining a boating safety
7 certificate from the Director of Law Enforcement evidencing
8 successful completion of a course in safe boat handling approved
9 by the Director of Law Enforcement, unless such person operates
10 such motorboat under the supervision of his/her parent or
11 guardian. The Director of Law Enforcement shall effect a plan
12 for the training of persons under eighteen years of age in safe boat
13 handling and for the issuance of boating safety certificates. The
14 Director of Law Enforcement may at his discretion assign
15 designees to issue said certificates.

