

By Mr. Moore of Uxbridge, petition of Richard T. Moore relative to the operation of motorboats. Public Safety.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT RELATIVE TO 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 1. Section 8 of Chapter 90B of the General Laws
2 as most recently amended by section 1 of chapter 551 of the acts
3 of 1979 is hereby further amended by striking out clause (C) and
4 inserting in place thereof the following clause: —

5 (c) No one under fourteen years of age shall operate any motor-
6 boat on the waters of the commonwealth unless directly super-
7 vised by an adult. No person shall operate any motorboat on the
8 waters of the commonwealth towing a person or persons on water
9 skis, a surfboard or other similar device, unless there is in such
10 motorboat a person who has attained age twelve in addition to
11 the operator in a position to observe the person or persons being
12 towed, and unless such motorboat is equipped with a ladder, steps
13 or similar means by which any person being towed can be taken
14 from the water.

1 SECTION 2. Section 11 of said chapter 90B is hereby amended
2 by striking out clauses (b) and (j), as added by section 2 of chapter
3 275 of the acts of 1960.

1 SECTION 3. The second paragraph of section 11 of said
2 chapter 90B, as most recently amended by section 6 of chapter
3 581 of the acts of 1978 is hereby further amended by striking out
4 the first sentence and inserting in place thereof the following
5 sentence: —

6 He shall (1) submit to the secretary for his approval a numbering
7 system for motorboats, (2) require that all applications for num-
8 ber, certificates of number, and reports of boating accidents con-
9 tain the same information as that contained in similar documents
10 of the coast guard, and (3) compile on or before December thirty-
11 first of each year lists of all snow vehicles and recreational vehicles
12 and on or before September thirtieth of each year lists of all boats
13 registered as of the previous July first under the provisions of this
14 chapter. (4) Issue safety certificates in such form and under such
15 terms and conditions as he may designate and may require that
16 any person, before operating on the waters of the commonwealth,
17 any motorboat or other vessel subject to the provisions of this
18 chapter or of any rule or regulation made under authority hereof,
19 shall hold such a valid safety certificate. (5) Establish speed limits
20 for motorboats on any of the rivers, harbors, lakes or ponds
21 located within the commonwealth or any political subdivision
22 thereof.