



State of Tennessee

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 872

SENATE BILL NO. 2107

By Yager, Bowling

Substituted for: House Bill No. 2223

By Powers, Lynn

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 69, Chapter 9, relative to boating.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 69-9-204, is amended by adding the following as new subdivisions:

() "Wakeboarding" means:

(A) To use a board with or without foot bindings on which a rider is towed by a motorboat across a wake; or

(B) To operate a motorboat in a manner that creates a wake while towing a person using a board with or without foot bindings to be towed by the motorboat across the boat's wake;

() "Wakesurfing" means:

(A) To surf a motorboat's wake, regardless of whether the person is being pulled by a tow rope attached to the motorboat that is producing the wake; or

(B) To operate a motorboat in a manner that creates a wake that is, or is intended to be, surfed by another person;

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 69, Chapter 9, Part 2, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

(a) Except as provided in subsection (c), a person shall not engage in wakeboarding or wakesurfing in the waters of Tennessee:

(1) Between sunset and sunrise;

(2) On a body of water that is less than fifty (50) acres in size;

(3) On a portion of a body of water with a width, measured from the nearest shoreline to the second nearest shoreline, of less than four hundred feet (400');

(4) Within two hundred feet (200') of a shoreline, or a dock, pier, boathouse, or other structure located completely or partly on the water; and

(5) Without wearing a personal flotation device approved by the United States coast guard.

(b) Except as provided in subsection (c), a person shall not engage in wakesurfing in the waters of Tennessee using a motorboat that has a propulsion system that extends beyond the motorboat's boarding or swim platform.

(c) Subsections (a) and (b) do not apply to a regatta, race, trail run, parade, tournament, or exhibition on the waters of Tennessee for which an aquatic event application has been submitted to and approved by the executive director pursuant to § 69-9-211.

SECTION 3. This act takes effect July 1, 2022, the public welfare requiring it.


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PASSED: March 28, 2022


RANDY McNALLY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE


CAMERON SEXTON, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 14th day of April 2022


BILL LEE, GOVERNOR