

AN ACT

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To amend section 12(e) of Article 29 of the Harbor and Boating Safety Regulations of the Police Regulations of the District of Columbia to require children under 13 years of age to wear personal flotation devices while on recreational vessels.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this act may be cited as the “Juvenile Flotation Device Requirement Amendment Act of 2004”.

Sec. 2. Section 12(e) of Article 29, Harbor and Boating Safety Regulations of the Police Regulations, effective July 12, 1979 (D.C. Law 3-25; 19 DCMR §§ 1026.7 and 1026.8), is amended by adding a new paragraph (1A) to read as follows: DCMR

“(1A) No person may operate a recreational vessel underway with any child under 13 years old aboard unless each such child is below decks, in an enclosed cabin, or wearing a Coast Guard approved personal flotation device of the proper size.”.

Sec. 3. Fiscal impact statement.

The Council adopts the fiscal impact statement in the committee report as the fiscal impact statement required by section 602(c)(3) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(3)).

Sec. 4. Effective date.

This act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by the Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), a 30-day period of Congressional review as provided in section 602(c)(1) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December

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24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(1)), and publication in the District of Columbia Register.

Chairman
Council of the District of Columbia

Mayor
District of Columbia