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94TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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TERRY L. SPIELER, Secretary.

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AN ACT

To repeal section 306.125, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof two new sections relating to the regulation of watercraft, with an emergency clause.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Section 306.125, RSMo, is repealed and two new sections
2 enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as sections 306.125 and 306.164, to read as
3 follows:

306.125. 1. Every person shall operate a motorboat, vessel or watercraft
2 in a careful and prudent manner and at a rate of speed so as not to endanger the
3 property of another or the life or limb of any person and shall exercise the highest
4 degree of care.

5 2. No person shall operate a motorboat, vessel or watercraft at any time
6 from a half-hour after sunset until an hour before sunrise the following day at a
7 speed exceeding thirty miles per hour. This subsection shall only apply to the
8 waters of the Mississippi River, the waters of the Missouri River, and lakes with
9 an aggregate shoreline in excess of one hundred sixty miles.

10 3. **Vessels less than thirty feet in length** shall not be operated within
11 one hundred feet of any dock, pier, occupied anchored boat or buoyed restricted
12 area on any lake at a speed in excess of slow-no wake speed. **Vessels that are**
13 **thirty feet in length or greater shall not be operated within three**
14 **hundred feet of any dock, pier, occupied anchored boat, or buoyed**
15 **restricted area on any lake at a speed in excess of slow-no wake**
16 **speed. The provisions of this subsection shall not apply to any vessel**
17 **operated by a member of the state water patrol, a law enforcement**
18 **officer, or emergency personnel when such vessel is being operated to**
19 **respond to an emergency call, a law enforcement investigation or other**

20 authorized law enforcement activity.

21 4. Subsection 1 of this section shall not apply to a motorboat or other boat
22 race authorized under section 306.130.

**306.164. The commissioner of the water patrol shall establish,
2 with the advice of the director of personnel, an equitable pay plan for
3 the members of the water patrol and radio personnel taking into
4 consideration ranks and length of service notwithstanding chapter 36,
5 RSMo, any other statutes, or the uniform pay and classification system.**

Section B. Because of the need to provide water safety, section A of this
2 act is deemed necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health,
3 welfare, peace and safety, and is hereby declared to be an emergency act within
4 the meaning of the constitution, and section A of this act shall be in full force and
5 effect upon its passage and approval.

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