



Ohio Legislative Service Commission

Bill Analysis

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(As Introduced)

Reps. Becker, Hood, Stebelton, Smith

BILL SUMMARY

- Requires the operator of a water vessel to use either a rearview mirror or a person acting as an observer to observe water skiers, barefoot skiers, and others who are being towed by the vessel, instead of requiring solely the use of a person acting as an observer as in current law.

CONTENT AND OPERATION

Observation of persons who are being towed by a vessel

The bill alters the law governing the towing of a water skier or other person by a water vessel. Under current law, the operator of a water vessel towing any person who is water skiing or riding upon a surfboard or similar device must utilize a person acting as an observer, other than the operator, who can observe the person being towed at all times. The observer must be at least 10 years old.

The bill instead requires that the person operating the boat utilize either the person acting as an observer or a rearview mirror mounted so that the operator can observe the activities of the person being towed, or both.¹

HISTORY

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¹ R.C. 1547.15.