

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1018

By: Representative Borhauer

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE § 27-101-203
REGARDING THE REGULATION OF MOTORBOAT EQUIPMENT
TO REQUIRE THE USE OF LANYARD-TYPE ENGINE CUTOFF
SWITCHES IF THE BOAT IS SO EQUIPPED; AND FOR
OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO REQUIRE PERSONS OPERATING MOTORBOATS
TO USE LANYARD-TYPE ENGINE CUTOFF
SWITCHES IF THE BOAT IS SO EQUIPPED.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 27-101-203, concerning the equipment requirements for motorboats, is amended to add the following new subsection:

(e)(1) No person shall operate a motorboat equipped by the manufacturer with a lanyard-type engine cutoff switch while the engine is used to propel the boat without attaching the lanyard to the operator, the operator's clothing, or if worn to the operator's personal flotation device as appropriate for the specific vessel.

(2) As used in this subsection, "lanyard-type engine cutoff switch" means an emergency engine or motor shut-off switch that attaches by a lanyard to the person operating the motorboat and the switch is constructed and installed in a manner so that when in use, if the operator falls overboard or is removed from the normal operating station of the boat, then the switch will immediately shut-off of the boat's engine or motor.

