

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE BILL NO. 142

BY RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

AN ACT

1
2 RELATING TO WATER SKIING; AMENDING SECTION 67-7024, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE
3 THAT VESSELS OPERATING WITHIN A REGULATION LEGAL AND PERMITTED SLALOM
4 COURSE AND THAT ARE EQUIPPED WITH A REAR VIEW WIDE ANGLE MIRROR ARE EX-
5 EMPT FROM THE REQUIREMENT OF HAVING AN OBSERVER IN THE VESSEL AND TO PRO-
6 VIDE REQUIREMENTS FOR MIRRORS.

7 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

8 SECTION 1. That Section 67-7024, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby
9 amended to read as follows:

10 67-7024. WATER SKIING. (1) It shall be unlawful for the operator of any
11 vessel having in tow or otherwise assisting a person on water skis, aquaplane
12 or similar contrivance to operate or propel the same upon or above any waters
13 of the state of Idaho unless that vessel shall be occupied by at least one (1)
14 other competent person who shall act as an observer; provided, that vessels
15 operating within a regulation legal and permitted slalom course and that are
16 equipped with a rear view wide angle mirror are exempt from this requirement.
17 The size of the mirror must be no less than four (4) inches in size from bot-
18 tom to top and across from side to side. It shall be mounted firmly to give
19 the operator a full, complete view beyond the rear of the vessel at all times.
20 This section shall not apply to vessels used by representatives of duly con-
21 stituted water ski schools in the giving of instruction, or to vessels used
22 in duly authorized water ski tournaments, competitions, expositions or tri-
23 als.

24 (2) No vessel shall have in tow or shall otherwise be assisting a per-
25 son on water skis, aquaplane or similar contrivance from the period of one
26 (1) hour after sunset to one (1) hour prior to sunrise. This subsection shall
27 not apply to vessels used in duly authorized water ski tournaments, competi-
28 tions, expositions or trials.

29 (3) All vessels having in tow or otherwise assisting a person on water
30 skis, aquaplane or similar contrivance shall be operated in a careful and
31 prudent manner and at a reasonable distance from persons and property so as
32 not to endanger the life or property of any person or create excessive wake.

33 (4) No person shall operate or manipulate any vessel's attached towrope
34 or other device by which the direction or location of water skis, aquaplane
35 or similar device may be affected or controlled in such a way as to cause the
36 same or any person thereon to collide with or strike against any person or
37 object other than a jumping ramp or in conjunction with skiing over a slalom
38 course.