

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE BILL NO. 142, As Amended in the Senate

BY RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

AN ACT

1 RELATING TO WATER SKIING; AMENDING SECTION 67-7024, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE
2 THAT VESSELS OPERATING WITHIN A REGULATION LEGAL AND PERMITTED SLALOM
3 COURSE AND THAT ARE EQUIPPED WITH A REAR VIEW WIDE ANGLE MIRROR ARE EX-
4 EMPT FROM THE REQUIREMENT OF HAVING AN OBSERVER IN THE VESSEL AND TO PRO-
5 VIDE REQUIREMENTS FOR MIRRORS.
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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. This subsection shall
15 not apply to vessels used by representatives of duly constituted water ski
16 schools in the giving of instruction, or to vessels used in duly authorized
17 water ski tournaments, competitions, expositions or trials.

18 (2) Vessels operating within a regulation legal and permitted slalom
19 course and that are equipped with a rear view wide angle mirror are exempt
20 from the requirement of having at least one (1) other competent person in the
21 boat acting as an observer as provided in subsection (1) of this section. The
22 size of the mirror must be no less than four (4) inches from bottom to top and
23 across from side to side. It shall be mounted firmly to give the operator a
24 full, complete view beyond the rear of the vessel at all times.

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

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

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