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HOUSE BILL *1366-FN*

AN ACT relative to penalties for the negligent or reckless operation of boats.

SPONSORS: Rep. Hynes, Hills. 2

COMMITTEE: Criminal Justice and Public Safety

ANALYSIS

This bill adds a penalty for the reckless operation of a boat and adds additional fines and loss of driving and boating privileges.

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Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics.***
Matter removed from current law appears [~~in brackets and struckthrough.~~]
Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty Four

AN ACT relative to penalties for the negligent or reckless operation of boats.

Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

132:1 Negligent Operation of Boat; Penalty Decreased. Amend RSA 270:29-a to read as follows:

270:29-a Careless and Negligent Operation of Boats. Any person who shall operate a power boat upon any waters of the state in a careless and negligent manner or so that the lives and safety of the public are endangered shall be guilty of a [~~misdemeanor~~] ***violation***.

132:2 New Section; Reckless Operation of Boats. Amend RSA 270 by inserting after section 29-a the following new section:

270:29-b Reckless Operation of Boats. Any person who shall operate a power boat upon any waters of the state in a reckless manner or so that the lives and safety of the public are endangered shall be guilty of a misdemeanor. A violation of this section shall include payment of a fine of not less than $500, a loss of the person's driver's license for 60 days, and loss of the person's privilege to operate a boat for 60 days. The period for the loss of the person's privilege to operate a boat shall be between Memorial day and Labor day. Any unserved suspension will be continued to the following year's boating season.

132:3 Boat Safety Course; Reference Added. Amend RSA 270:46-a, I(b) to read as follows:

(b) RSA 270:29-a, careless and negligent operation of boats***, and RSA 270:29-b, reckless operation of boats***.

132:4 Effective Date. This act shall take effect January 1, 2025.

Approved: July 03, 2024
Effective Date: January 01, 2025