

HB 203 - AS INTRODUCED

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HOUSE BILL **203**

AN ACT relative to coast guard approved personal flotation devices while on New Hampshire state waters.

SPONSORS: Rep. J. MacDonald, Carr. 6; Rep. Crawford, Carr. 3; Rep. Darby, Hills. 11; Rep. Rung, Hills. 12

COMMITTEE: Resources, Recreation and Development

ANALYSIS

This bill requires occupants of canoes, kayaks, or rowing sculls on state waters who are not part of an official competition to wear a personal flotation device of a type approved by the United States Coast Guard.

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 Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty Five

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

1 1 New Paragraph; General Rules for Vessels Operating on Water. Amend RSA 270-D:2 by
2 inserting after paragraph X the following new paragraph:

3 X-a. All occupants from November 15 through May 15 in canoes, kayaks, or rowing sculls,
4 not engaged in official competition shall wear a PFD, as defined by RSA 270-D:1, IX, at all times
5 while navigating on state waters.

6 2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.