

SB 40 - AS INTRODUCED

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SENATE BILL **40**

AN ACT relative to safe boater education certificates.

SPONSORS: Sen. Lang, Dist 2; Sen. Innis, Dist 7; Rep. Moffett, Merr. 4; Rep. Coker, Belk. 2;
Rep. Edwards, Rock. 31

COMMITTEE: Transportation

ANALYSIS

This bill adds an online examination approved by the National Association of State Boating Law Administrators (NASBLA) to the safe boater education certificate qualification and requires the department of safety to adopt rules relative to its implementation.

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Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.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

AN ACT relative to safe boater education certificates.

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

1 1 Safe Boater Education; Issuance of Safe Boater Education Certificate. Amend
2 RSA 270-D:13, I(a) to read as follows:

3 (a) Passes a safe boater education course approved by the commissioner in accordance
4 with the criteria of the National Association of State Boating Law Administrators (**NASBLA**). A
5 classroom course shall provide a minimum of 8 hours of instruction. Passage of a safe boater
6 education course shall require successful completion of ***an online examination approved by***
7 ***NASBLA that meets U.S. boating education standards if the person is 18 years or older and***
8 ***attests that they are the person taking the online examination, or, at the person's option if***
9 ***offered or if the person is under the age of 18 years,*** a proctored examination approved by the
10 commissioner. The minimum passing grade for the examination shall be 80 percent; or

11 2 Rulemaking. Pursuant to its authority under RSA 270-D:20, the department of safety shall
12 adopt rules relative to the implementation of section 1 of this act no later than 60 days after the
13 passage of this act.

14 3 Effective Date.

15 I. Section 1 of this act shall take effect January 1, 2026.

16 II. Section 2 of this act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.