

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 46th Legislature (1997)

HOUSE BILL NO. 2188

By: Ferguson

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to public health and safety; amending 63 O.S. 1991, Section 4210, as last amended by Section 2, Chapter 337, O.S.L. 1996 (63 O.S. Supp. 1996, Section 4210), which relates to operation of vessels and other devices; modifying certain age requirements; and providing an effective date.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 63 O.S. 1991, Section 4210, as last amended by Section 2, Chapter 337, O.S.L. 1996 (63 O.S. Supp. 1996, Section 4210), is amended to read as follows:

Section 4210. A. No person shall operate, manipulate or give permission to any person to operate or manipulate any parasails, water skis, surfboard, or similar device, or any vessel in a reckless or negligent manner so as to endanger the life or property of any person.

B. No person shall lease or otherwise give permission to another person to operate any vessel on any waters of this state, except privately owned waters, while the operator is under the influence of alcohol or any substance included in the Uniform

Controlled Dangerous Substances Act, Section 2-101 et seq. of this title, or any combination of alcohol and such substance.

C. Upon the immediate approach of an authorized emergency vessel making use of an audible or a visual signal or a combination thereof, the operator of every other vessel shall immediately stop his or her vessel whenever or wherever practical or otherwise yield the right-of-way until such authorized emergency vessel has passed, except when otherwise directed by a duly authorized peace officer of this state.

D. No person shall overload or give permission to overload a vessel with persons or gear so as to exceed the posted capacity plate or to exceed United States Coast Guard standards.

E. No person shall operate, drive or be in actual physical control of any vessel on any waters of this state, except privately owned waters, at speeds in excess of the speed limits established for those waters.

F. No person shall operate on the waters of this state, except privately owned waters, any vessel, including personal watercraft, within fifty (50) feet in proximity to another vessel when running at speeds of over ten (10) miles per hour; provided, this prohibition shall not apply to vessels operating in sanctioned events.

G. No person under ~~twelve (12)~~ sixteen (16) years of age may solely operate a personal watercraft on any waters of this state, except privately owned waters.

H. Any violation of the provisions of this section shall constitute a misdemeanor and shall be punishable by a fine of not less than Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) nor more than Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250.00).

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 1997.

