

ENGROSSED SENATE
BILL NO. 1142

By: Littlefield of the Senate
and
Hutchison of the House

[Oklahoma Boating Safety Regulation Act - bow of
vessel -

emergency]

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY Section 49, Chapter 284, O.S.L.
1992 (63 O.S. Supp. 1999, Section 4210.6), is amended to read as
follows:

Section 4210.6 No person shall sit or ride on the sides of a
any vessel, a covered bow or the back of any seat of a vessel, or
stand in a vessel while under way at any speed greater than idle or
trolling speed; provided, however, the operator of such vessel may
stand if said vessel is specifically designed to be operated from a
standing position. No person shall sit or ride on a covered bow of
any vessel while under way at any speed greater than idle or
trolling speed unless such vessel is equipped with either built-in
seating or is equipped with side walkways or factory-equipped walk-
through areas to a flat foredeck surrounded by life rails, deck
rails, stern rails, bow rails, or other such coamings, gunwales,
bulwarks, or enclosures extending at least twenty-four (24) inches
above the deck; provided that no person riding on a covered bow
shall extend any appendage over the edge of the vessel either above
or below the bow rail. No person shall stand on the foredeck of any
vessel while under way at a speed greater than idle or trolling
speed, and any person under twelve (12) years of age shall not be on

the foredeck of any vessel without wearing a life jacket and being accompanied on the foredeck by an adult.

SECTION 2. AMENDATORY Section 50, Chapter 284, O.S.L. 1992, as amended by Section 6, Chapter 199, O.S.L. 1997 (63 O.S. Supp. 1999, Section 4210.7), is amended to read as follows:

Section 4210.7 No operator shall allow any person to occupy the front or back deck of any vessel while under way at any speed greater than idle or trolling speed unless such vessel is equipped with either built-in seating or is equipped with side walkways or factory-equipped walk-through areas to a flat deck surrounded by life rails, deck rails, stern rails, bow rails, or other such coamings, gunwales, bulwarks, or enclosures extending at least twenty-four (24) inches above the deck.

SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

Passed the Senate the 6th day of March, 2000.

President of the Senate

Passed the House of Representatives the ____ day of _____,
2000.

Speaker of the House of
Representatives