

ENROLLED HOUSE
BILL NO. 1275

By: Seikel of the House

and

Herbert of the Senate

An Act relating to the Oklahoma Boating Safety Regulation Act; amending 63 O.S. 1991, Section 4211, as amended by Section 51, Chapter 284, O.S.L. 1992 (63 O.S. Supp. 1998, Section 4211), which relates to diving buoys; modifying certain distances; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 63 O.S. 1991, Section 4211, as amended by Section 51, Chapter 284, O.S.L. 1992 (63 O.S. Supp. 1998, Section 4211), is amended to read as follows:

Section 4211. A. Any person diving or submerging in a body of water with the aid of any mechanical diving or breathing device or suit shall place a buoy with a flag in the water at or near the point of submergence or fly a flag from a vessel indicating divers are present, in the following manner:

1. Either the nationally recognized diver's flag or Alpha flag may be flown;

2. When flown from a vessel, at least one flag shall be flown not less than one (1) meter above the highest point of the vessel and shall be visible from a three-hundred-sixty-degree circle;

3. The buoy, flag or flags shall be in place only while actual diving operations are in progress;

4. No diving buoys may be closer than ~~three hundred (300) yards to each other or closer than three hundred (300) yards to any dock,~~ one hundred (100) yards to any functional boat ramp or designated swimming area; and

5. The flag or flags shall be in good condition and legible, and the flag shall be in the extended position so as to be visible to any other vessel.

B. It shall be unlawful for any person to operate a vessel within one hundred fifty (150) feet of a diving buoy except while engaged in the rescue of a person in such area.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 1999.

Passed the House of Representatives the 24th day of February,
1999.

Speaker of the House of
Representatives

Passed the Senate the 23rd day of March, 1999.

President of the Senate