

ENROLLED SENATE
BILL NO. 1142

By: Littlefield of the Senate

and

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An Act relating to public health and safety; amending Section 49, Chapter 284, O.S.L. 1992, and Section 50, Chapter 284, O.S.L. 1992, as amended by Section 6, Chapter 199, O.S.L. 1997 (63 O.S. Supp. 1999, Sections 4210.6 and 4210.7), which relate to the Oklahoma Boating Safety Regulation Act; restricting sitting or riding on certain parts of vessels when operated above certain speeds unless vessel has certain equipment or design features; and declaring an 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 the covered bow of any vessel while under way at any speed greater than idle or trolling speed unless such vessel is designed as such to allow access to the covered bow by way of side walkways or factory-equipped walk-through areas which are surrounded by life rails, deck rails, bow rails, or other such enclosure extending at least twenty-four (24) inches above the deck; provided, that no person riding in or operating a vessel shall extend any appendage over the edge of the vessel either above or below the rail if such vessel is at any speed greater than idle or trolling speed. No person shall stand on the covered bow of any vessel while under way at a speed greater than idle or trolling speed.

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 factory-installed seating or is designed as such to allow

access to the front or back deck by way of 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 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 22nd day of May, 2000.

President of the Senate

Passed the House of Representatives the 23rd day of May, 2000.

Speaker of the House of Representatives