

**WATER SKIING AMENDMENTS**

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STATE OF UTAH

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**LONG TITLE**

**General Description:**

This bill amends Title 73, Chapter 18, State Boating Act, by clarifying the scope of rulemaking authority of the Board of Parks and Recreation.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This bill:

- ▶ permits a person to wear a non-Coast Guard approved life vest if the person is:
  - engaged in barefoot water skiing;
  - participating in an American Water Ski Association regulation competition;
  - a performer participating in a professional exhibition or other tournament; or
  - practicing for a competition, exhibition, or other tournament;
- ▶ states that an observer is not required during water skiing if the vessel is:
  - equipped with a wide angle mirror with a surface area of at least 48 square inches; and
  - being operated by a person who is at least 18 years old; and
- ▶ makes technical changes.

**Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

None

**Other Special Clauses:**

None

**Utah Code Sections Affected:**



28 AMENDS:

29 73-18-15, as last amended by Laws of Utah 1986, Chapter 197

30 73-18-16, as last amended by Laws of Utah 1987, Chapter 99

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32 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

33 Section 1. Section 73-18-15 is amended to read:

34 **73-18-15. Board to adopt rules concerning water skiing and aquaplane riding**  
35 **and use of other devices towed behind a vessel.**

36 The board shall adopt rules for the regulation and safety of water skiing and aquaplane  
37 riding, and the use of other devices [~~which~~] that are towed behind a vessel pursuant to this  
38 section and in accordance with Section 73-18-16.

39 Section 2. Section 73-18-16 is amended to read:

40 **73-18-16. Regattas, races, exhibitions -- Rules.**

41 (1) The division may authorize the holding of regattas, motorboat or other boat races,  
42 marine parades, tournaments, or exhibitions on any waters of this state.

43 (2) The board may adopt rules concerning the safety of vessels and persons, either as  
44 observers or participants~~[-]~~, that do not conflict with the provisions of Subsections (3) and (4).

45 (3) A person may elect, at the person's own risk, to wear a non-Coast Guard approved  
46 life vest if the person is:

47 (a) engaged in barefoot water skiing;

48 (b) water skiing in an American Water Ski Association regulation competition;

49 (c) a performer participating in a professional exhibition or other tournament; or

50 (d) practicing for an event described in Subsection (3)(b) or (c).

51 (4) If a person is water skiing in an American Water Ski Association regulation  
52 tournament slalom course, an observer is not required if the vessel is:

53 (a) equipped with a wide angle mirror with a viewing surface of at least 48 square  
54 inches; and

55 (b) operated by a person who is at least 18 years of age.

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