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# Fiscal Note

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<b>Prime Sponsors:</b>	Sen. Hinrichsen; Coram Rep. McCluskie; Will	<b>Bill Status:</b>	Senate SVMA
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**Bill Topic:**                    **MINIMUM AGE OF MOTORBOAT OPERATORS**

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**Summary of Fiscal Impact:**

<input type="checkbox"/> State Revenue	<input type="checkbox"/> TABOR Refund
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State Expenditure	<input type="checkbox"/> Local Government
<input type="checkbox"/> State Transfer	<input type="checkbox"/> Statutory Public Entity

The bill raises the minimum age required to operate a motorboat from 16 to 18 years of age.

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**Appropriation Summary:**            No appropriation is required.

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**Fiscal Note Status:**                The fiscal note reflects the introduced bill.

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## Summary of Legislation

Under current law, only individuals 16 and older may operate a motorboat, except that individuals between 14 and 16 years old may operate a motorboat if he or she completes a boating safety course and possesses a boating safety certificate. The bill raises the minimum age requirement to operate a motorboat from 16 to 18 years of age, and retains the existing exceptions for individuals who are at least 14 years old.

## State Expenditures

The bill minimally increases workload for Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) in the Department of Natural Resources to review rules, update public education information, and adjust enforcement actions at CPW water-based properties. These efforts do not require additional appropriations.

## Effective Date

The bill takes effect 90 days following adjournment of the General Assembly sine die, assuming no referendum petition is filed.

## **State and Local Government Contacts**

Natural Resources