

IN THE SENATE

SENATE BILL NO. 1095

BY TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

AN ACT

1
2 RELATING TO SAFE BOATING; AMENDING SECTION 67-7015, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE
3 FOR READILY ACCESSIBLE PERSONAL FLOTATION DEVICES.

4 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

5 SECTION 1. That Section 67-7015, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby
6 amended to read as follows:

7 67-7015. SAFETY EQUIPMENT -- ADDITIONAL REGULATIONS. (1) The depart-
8 ment is hereby authorized to promulgate rules and regulations establishing
9 equipment requirements for any vessel subject to the provisions of law. Reg-
10 ulations shall be, wherever possible, in conformity with the provisions of
11 the federal navigation laws or with navigation rules and regulations promul-
12 gated by the United States Coast Guard and shall be modified from time to time
13 to maintain that conformity.

14 (2) It shall be unlawful for any person to operate or permit the opera-
15 tion of any vessel on the waters of the state of Idaho unless the vessel shall
16 have on board or installed the equipment required by rules and regulations
17 promulgated by the department.

18 (3) In addition to any requirements relating to personal flotation de-
19 VICES set forth by the department in rule, the following provisions shall
20 apply. All personal flotation devices shall be readily accessible to per-
21 sons on board and be of good and serviceable condition. "Readily accessible"
22 means that personal flotation devices shall be stored where they can be eas-
23 ily reached or out in the open ready for wear. Readily accessible personal
24 flotation devices cannot be stored in protective coverings, located in stor-
25 age areas such as under seats, or under lock and key. When aboard a personal
26 watercraft, such as a jet ski, wave runner, etc., or being towed by a motor-
27 ized vessel, such as a water ski, wake board, knee board, tube, etc., an ap-
28 proved flotation device must be worn to be considered readily accessible.