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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NINETY-THIRD SESSION

H. F. No. **3427**

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The bill was referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources Finance and Policy

1.1 A bill for an act

1.2 relating to water safety; requiring life jackets to be worn October through April

1.3 on certain watercraft; amending Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 86B.501, by

1.4 adding a subdivision.

1.5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 86B.501, is amended by adding a subdivision

1.7 to read:

1.8 Subd. 5. **Life jacket required; October through April.** From October 1 through April

1.9 30, a person must wear a personal flotation device, as prescribed by the commissioner under

1.10 subdivision 1, while underway or at anchor on watercraft less than 21 feet in length. This

1.11 subdivision does not apply to sailboards.