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A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 5452 AS INTRODUCED 2-7-90

Currently, the Marine Safety Act allows children under the age of 12 to operate a motorboat when accompanied by a person at least 16 years of age, and children between the ages of 12 and 16 may operate a motorboat when accompanied by another person at least 16 years of age, or without adult supervision when in possession of a boating safety certificate. The bill would amend the act to prohibit children under the age of 12 from operating a motorboat. It would also prohibit children under the age of 16 from operating a personal watercraft (jet ski) on state waters. Further, operators of jet skis would be prohibited from crossing within 150 feet behind another vessel that was traveling at a speed that produced a wake (a speed greater than "slow -- no wake speed").

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