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BILL ANALYSIS

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Senate Bill 484 (as introduced 5-9-07)

Sponsor: Senator Wayne Kuipers

Committee: Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs

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CONTENT

The bill would amend Part 801 (Marine Safety) of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act to prohibit a person younger than 18 from operating a personal watercraft without obtaining a boating safety certificate. This would replace language that prohibits a person born after December 31, 1978, from operating a personal watercraft unless he or she first obtains a boating safety certificate.

The bill would retain a provision allowing a person who is 12 or 13 years old to use a personal watercraft only if all of the following circumstances exist:

- He or she is accompanied solely by his or her parent or legal guardian.
- Both the individual and the parent or legal guardian have obtained a boating safety certificate.
- The personal watercraft is equipped with a lanyard-type engine cutoff switch, and the parent or legal guardian has the lanyard attached to his or her person, clothing, or personal flotation device.
- The personal watercraft is designed to carry at least two people.

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FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would have no fiscal impact on State or local government.

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