

CHAPTER 26
SB 16 – FINAL VERSION

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SENATE BILL **16**

AN ACT relative to the requirement for observers of water skiers.

SPONSORS: Sen. Bradley, Dist 3; Rep. McConkey, Carr 3

COMMITTEE: Transportation

ANALYSIS

This bill exempts from the observer requirement boats towing water skiers under the circumstances specified in the bill.

Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.
 Matter removed from current law appears [~~in brackets and struck through.~~]
 Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Fifteen

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Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

1 26:1 Towing Water Skiers. Amend RSA 270-D:3, I to read as follows:

2 I.(a) No person shall operate a motorboat while towing water skiers, aquaplanes, or similar
3 devices unless another person is present in the motorboat who is physically able to observe and
4 assist the person or appurtenance being towed. The observer shall be 13 years of age or older.

5 ***(b) For water skiers only, an observer shall not be required if the motorboat is a***
6 ***tow boat that has been approved by the American Water Ski Association and operated by a***
7 ***person at least 18 years of age. The motorboat shall be equipped with a wide-angle mirror***
8 ***having a viewing surface of at least 48 square inches and operated within a slalom course***
9 ***approved by the American Water Ski Association. The course shall have a valid state***
10 ***police permit.***

11 26:2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

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13 Approved: May 7, 2015

14 Effective Date: July 6, 2015