

SB 87 – AS INTRODUCED

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SENATE BILL **87**

AN ACT relative to wake on a certain area of the Piscataqua River.

SPONSORS: Sen. Fuller Clark, Dist 21; Rep. Borden, Rock 24; Rep. Pantelakos, Rock 25; Rep. Bush, Rock 31; Rep. P. Gordon, Rock 29

COMMITTEE: Transportation

ANALYSIS

This bill repeals an exemption from headway speed requirements applicable to a certain area of the Piscataqua River.

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 Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.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 1 Reference Changed. Amend RSA 270:12, I to read as follows:

2 I. The commissioner of safety shall, after receiving a petition signed by 25 or more residents
3 or property owners of each affected town or towns in which a lake, pond or river is located and after
4 notice and hearing, at which it appears that the public interest requires, adopt rules governing the
5 maximum horsepower of boat engines and outboard motors or prescribe maximum speed limits for
6 the operation of such boats or outboard motors applicable to or upon all or any portion of the public
7 waters of this state. The commissioner of safety shall, in like manner and after notice and hearing,
8 prohibit the use of motorboats and outboard motors on bodies of public water having an area of 35
9 acres or less; provided, that said prohibition shall not be construed as affecting the bodies of water
10 covered by RSA 270:75 through [~~270:132~~] **270:133**. Hearings under this section shall be held in the
11 vicinity of the body of water under consideration during the months of June, July, August, and
12 September following the date of the petition.

13 2 New Section; Restrictions on Boating; Piscataqua River. Amend RSA 270 by inserting after
14 section 132 the following new section:

15 270:133 Piscataqua River. No person shall use or operate any vessel in excess of headway speed
16 in the federal deepwater shipping channel of the Piscataqua River between navigation buoys R2,
17 Wood Island at the mouth of the river and R12, opposite the Sprague Terminal. Any person who
18 violates the provisions of this section shall be guilty of a violation.

19 3 Repeal. RSA 270-D:2, VI(b)(2), relative to exempting a portion of Piscataqua River from
20 headway speed requirements, is repealed.

21 4 Effective Date. This act shall take effect January 1, 2016.