

Amendment to HB 1158

1 Amend the bill by replacing section 1 with the following:

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3 1 New Paragraph; Minimum Age for Operation; Commercial Vessel Exception. Amend RSA
4 270:30 by inserting after paragraph III the following new paragraph:

5 III-a. A person 14 years of age or older, but under 18 years of age may operate a commercial
6 vessel on any of the public waters of the state without a valid certificate to act as operator of a
7 commercial vessel if all of the following conditions are met:

8 (a) The vessel shall be 16 feet in length or less.

9 (b) The vessel may be operated only for the selling of pre-packaged food and/or non-
10 alcoholic beverages.

11 (c) The vessel shall not be operated for the safety support of other boaters, swimmers, or
12 other persons in or on the water, or for incidental transportation of passengers, towing of other
13 vessels, refueling, or servicing.

14 (d) The vessel shall not tow any water skiers, aquaplane, or similar devices.

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AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill exempts certain persons from requiring a certificate of operation for a commercial vessel so long as they meet certain requirements.