**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND SECTION 50‑21‑870, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO PERSONAL WATERCRAFT AND BOATING SAFETY, SO AS TO INCREASE THE DISTANCE BETWEEN A WATERCRAFT AND ANOTHER OBJECT NEAR WHICH A WATERCRAFT MAY NOT BE OPERATED IN EXCESS OF IDLE SPEED IN CERTAIN BODIES OF WATER AND TO PROVIDE THAT A WATERCRAFT MAY NOT BE OPERATED IN EXCESS OF IDLE SPEED WITHIN FIFTY FEET OF CERTAIN OBJECTS IN ALL OTHER WATERS OF THIS STATE.

SECTION 1. Section 50‑21‑870(B)(6) of the 1976 Code is amended to read:

“(6)(a) operate a personal watercraft, specialty propcraft, or vessel while upon the waters of this State in a manner that creates excessive wake within one hundred fifty feet of a moored or anchored vessel, wharf, dock, bulkhead, pier, or a person in the water. The prohibitions contained in this subitem do not apply to an unoccupied, moored vessel or watercraft. For purposes of this subitem, tubing, wake surfing, water skiing, and operating a vessel with full ballast tanks are considered to create excessive wake.

(b) operate a personal watercraft, specialty propcraft, or vessel while upon the waters of ~~this State~~ Lake Greenwood, Lake Hartwell, Lake Jocassee, Lake Keowee, Lake Marion, Lake Monticello, Lake Murray, Lake Robinson, Lake Russell, Lake Secession, Lake Thurmond, Lake Wateree, Lake Wylie, Fishing Creek Reservoir, or Parr Reservoir in excess of idle speed within ~~50~~ one hundred feet of a moored or an anchored vessel, wharf, dock, bulkhead, pier, or a person in the water~~, or within 100 yards of the Atlantic Ocean coast line~~. The prohibitions contained in this ~~item (6)~~ subitem do not apply to an unoccupied, moored vessel, or watercraft; or

(c) operate a personal watercraft, specialty propcraft, or vessel while upon all other waters of this State in excess of idle speed within fifty feet of a moored or anchored vessel, wharf, dock, bulkhead, pier, or person in the water or within one hundred yards of the Atlantic Ocean coastline. The prohibitions contained in this subitem do not apply to an unoccupied, moored vessel, or watercraft;”

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

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