

# VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY -- 2003 SESSION

## CHAPTER 117

*An Act to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 29.1-748.1, relating to personal watercraft; penalty.*

[H 1526]

Approved March 16, 2003

**Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**

**1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 29.1-748.1 as follows:**

*§ 29.1-748.1. Minimum distance from shoreline; local ordinances; penalty.*

*Any city with a population greater than 425,000 may, by ordinance, regulate in any portion of a waterway located solely within its territorial limits, the minimum distance that personal watercraft may be operated from the shoreline in excess of the slowest possible speed required to maintain steerage and headway. Such ordinance shall provide for distances of 100 feet from the shoreline and 200 feet from swimmers in ocean waters, and shall provide for local enforcement and penalties not exceeding those applicable to Class 4 misdemeanors. Nothing in this section prohibits access to and from waters where operation is not otherwise restricted.*