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HOUSE BILL NO. 1076

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A *BILL to amend and reenact § 29.1-742 of the Code of Virginia, relating to towing water skiers and inflatable tubes.*

Patron—Dudley

Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 29.1-742 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 29.1-742. Towing water skis, surfboards, etc.

A. No person shall operate a vessel on any waters of the Commonwealth for towing a person or persons on water skis, a surfboard, *an inflatable tube*, or a similar device unless (i) there is in the vessel a person, in addition to the operator, in a position to observe the progress of the person or persons being towed ~~or unless~~ and (ii) the skier or skiers wear ~~life preservers~~ *a U.S. Coast Guard approved personal flotation device*.

B. No person shall operate a vessel on any water of the Commonwealth towing a person or persons on water skis, a surfboard, *an inflatable tube* or a similar device, nor shall any person engage in water skiing or a similar activity at any time between the hours from one-half hour after sunset to one-half hour before sunrise. The provisions of this subsection shall not constitute a defense to any provision of § 29.1-738.

C. The provisions of subsections A and B of this section do not apply to a performer engaged in a professional exhibition.

D. No person shall operate or manipulate any vessel, towrope, or other device by which the direction or location of water skis, a surfboard, *an inflatable tube* or a similar device may be affected or controlled in such a way as to cause the water skis, surfboard, *inflatable tube* or similar device, or any person upon the device to collide with any object or person.

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