

## 1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend and reenact § 29.1-746 of the Code of Virginia, relating to mandatory boating safety*  
3 *course for violators of boating laws; penalty.*

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5 Approved

[H 870]

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

7 **1. That § 29.1-746 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

8 § 29.1-746. Penalties.

9 A. Unless specified otherwise, any person who violates any provision of this chapter or any  
10 regulation adopted under this chapter shall be guilty of a Class 4 misdemeanor for each such violation.

11 B. *Upon the conviction of any person for the violation of any provision of this chapter or any*  
12 *regulation adopted thereunder for which the criminal penalty is a Class 3 misdemeanor or greater, the*  
13 *court shall order the person to complete and pass a boating safety course approved by the National*  
14 *Association of State Boating Law Administrators and accepted by the Department. A list of such courses*  
15 *shall be made available by the Department. Any person who has been ordered by the court to complete*  
16 *and pass a boating safety course shall submit to the court, in a form approved by the Department, proof*  
17 *of completion and passage of the course within six months of the time of his conviction. If the person*  
18 *who has been required to complete and pass a boating safety course is under 18 years of age, the court*  
19 *may require the person to obtain parental consent to enroll in the course. If the person does not*  
20 *complete and pass the boating safety course within the prescribed time period, the court may, for good*  
21 *cause, extend the period for completion; however, absent good cause, the court shall impose a fine not*  
22 *to exceed \$250.*

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