## Department of Planning and Budget 2010 Fiscal Impact Statement

4.	Title:	Personal flotation devices required for children; civil penalty.			
3.	Committee:	Agriculture, Conservation and Natural Resources			
2.	Patron:	Quayle			
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1.	Bill Number	:: SB93			

- 5. Summary: This bill requires children 12 years of age or younger to wear a Type I, II, or Type III U.S. Coast Guard-approved personal flotation device on recreational vessels under 21 feet in length. The Director of the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries may assess any recreational vessel operator found in violation of this provision a civil penalty of up to \$100. However, this penalty may be waived if the person completes a boating safety education course within six months after the violation. All penalties collected are to be paid to the Motorboat and Water Safety Fund of the Game Protection Fund. The bill does not apply to a recreational vessel that is moored or anchored, or to children below deck or in an enclosed cabin.
- **6. Fiscal Impact Estimates:** See item 8.
- 7. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.
- **8. Fiscal Implications:** The Director of the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries may assess a civil penalty of \$100 to any person who violates the provisions of the bill. These penalties will be deposited into the Game Protection Fund. However, the fiscal impact of such penalties is indeterminate at this point.
- **9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Department of Game and Inland Fisheries
- 10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.
- **11. Other Comments:** The second enactment states that the provisions of this act shall become effective on January 1, 2011.

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