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HOUSE BILL NO. 160

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A *BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 29.1-735.1:1, relating to a minimum age requirement for operating a motorboat.*

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Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 29.1-735.1:1 as follows:****§ 29.1-735.1:1. Minimum age to operate a motorboat.**

It is unlawful for any person to operate a motorboat with a motor of 10 horsepower or greater unless he is at least 14 years of age and (i) has successfully completed a boating safety education course approved by the Director and (ii) carries on his person, while operating a motorboat proof of successful completion of such course. Upon the request of a law-enforcement officer, such person shall provide proof of having successfully completed an approved course.

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