

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend and reenact § 29.1-748.1 of the Code of Virginia, relating to personal watercraft;*
3 *lakes smaller than 50 acres.*

4 [H 346]

5 Approved

6 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**7 **1. That § 29.1-748.1 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**8 **§ 29.1-748.1. Local ordinances; operation on lakes; minimum distance from shoreline; penalty.**

9 *A. Any locality in Planning District 23 may, by ordinance, prohibit the operation of a personal*
10 *watercraft on a public lake measuring less than 50 acres in extent. Such ordinance shall provide that a*
11 *violation of the prohibition constitutes a Class 4 misdemeanor. Any violation of such an ordinance shall*
12 *be subject to the provisions of subsection C of § 29.1-748.*

13 *B. The City of Virginia Beach may, by ordinance, regulate in any portion of a waterway located*
14 *solely within its territorial limits, the minimum distance that personal watercraft may be operated from*
15 *the shoreline in excess of the slowest possible speed required to maintain steerage and headway. Such*
16 *ordinance shall provide for distances of 100 feet from the shoreline and 200 feet from swimmers in*
17 *ocean waters, and shall provide for local enforcement and penalties not exceeding those applicable to*
18 *Class 4 misdemeanors. Nothing in this ~~section~~ subsection prohibits access to and from waters where*
19 *operation is not otherwise restricted.*

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