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SENATE BILL NO. 984

Offered January 22, 2018

A *BILL to amend and reenact § 29.1-744.3 of the Code of Virginia, relating to motorboats; means of propulsion; when person in water accompanying boat.*

Patrons—Cosgrove and Surovell

Unanimous consent to introduce

Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Natural Resources

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 29.1-744.3 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 29.1-744.3. Slacken speed and control wakes near structures.

It shall be unlawful to operate any motorboat, except *a* personal watercraft, at a speed greater than the slowest possible speed required to maintain steerage and headway when within 50 feet or less of docks, piers, boathouses, boat ramps, or a person in the water, unless such person in the water (i) is being towed by the motorboat or (ii) is accompanying the motorboat, provided that such motorboat is propelled by an inboard motor *or a means of propulsion that is forward of the transom and below the water line.*

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