

Department of Planning and Budget 2021 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. **Bill Number:** HB2083

House of Origin Introduced Substitute Engrossed
Second House In Committee Substitute Enrolled

2. **Patron:** Byron

3. **Committee:** Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources

4. **Title:** Wake surfing; proximity to certain structures or other persons.

5. **Summary:** Prohibits a person within 200 feet of a dock, pier, boathouse, boat ramp, or other person in the water from operating a vessel on any inland lake that is more than 500 feet above sea level and of 20,000 acres or more in size, and wholly located within the Commonwealth (Smith Mountain Lake), while accompanied by a person or persons engaged in wake surfing.

6. **Budget Amendment Necessary:** No.

7. **Fiscal Impact Estimates:** Indeterminate. See item 8.

8. **Fiscal Implications:** It is anticipated that any expenditure impact on the Department of Wildlife Resources (DWR) as a result of this bill can be absorbed within existing resources. Potential revenue impact resulting from this measure is indeterminate, as it is not possible to estimate the number of violations that will occur. Unless specified otherwise, §29.1-746, Code of Virginia, establishes a Class 4 misdemeanor penalty for each violation of the boating laws enforced by DWR. A Class 4 misdemeanor is punishable by a fine of up to \$250. All revenue collected from such fines is deposited into the Motorboat and Water Safety Fund.

9. **Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Department of Wildlife Resources.

10. **Technical Amendment Necessary:** No.

11. **Other Comments:** None.