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HOUSE BILL NO. 2061

Offered January 14, 1997

A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 29.1-735.01, relating to wearing of personal flotation devices; penalty.

Patron—Robinson

Referred to Committee on Conservation 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 29.1-735.01 as follows:

§ 29.1-735.01. Personal flotation devices.

A. It shall be unlawful for the owner of or any person having control of a motorboat greater than twenty feet in length to permit a person under the age of twelve to be in the motorboat while the motorboat is underway if such minor is not wearing a personal flotation device approved by the United States Coast Guard.

B. A violation of any provision of this section shall constitute a Class 4 misdemeanor.