

VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY -- 1998 SESSION

CHAPTER 509

An Act to prohibit the launching of personal watercraft in certain waters.

[H 575]

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Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. *§ 1. That the Department of Conservation and Recreation shall have the authority to regulate the launching of personal watercraft to ensure the public safety, consistent with state and federal law, in any city having a population greater than 350,000, from lands abutting the body of water connecting Linkhorn Bay and Broad Bay, commonly known as "The Narrows," located at the end of 64th Street in Seashore State Park.*

For the purposes of this section, "personal watercraft" means a motorboat less than sixteen feet in length which uses an inboard motor powering a jet pump as its primary motive power and which is designed to be operated by a person sitting, standing, or kneeling on, rather than in the conventional manner of sitting or standing inside, the vessel.

Notice of any regulations adopted hereunder shall be posted at those locations where personal watercraft may not be launched.