

VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY -- 1998 RECONVENED SESSION

CHAPTER 857

An Act to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 29.1-744.3 and to repeal § 29.1-744.2 of the Code of Virginia, relating to the speed and distance of motorboats from structures.

[H 904]

Approved April 22, 1998

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 29.1-744.3 as follows:

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

It shall be unlawful to operate any motorboat, except personal watercraft, at a speed greater than the slowest possible speed required to maintain steerage and headway when within fifty feet or less of docks, piers, boathouses, boat ramps, and people in the water. Nothing in this section shall prohibit a motorboat from towing a person with a rope less than fifty feet in length.

2. That § 29.1-744.2 of the Code of Virginia is repealed.

3. That the provisions of this act shall become effective January 1, 1999.