

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend and reenact § 29.1-744.1 of the Code of Virginia, relating to personal watercraft*
3 *ordinance enforcement.*

4 [H 817]
5 Approved

6 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**

7 **1. That § 29.1-744.1 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

8 § 29.1-744.1. Local regulation of personal watercraft distance from shore.

9 A. Any county, city, or town may, by ordinance, regulate the distance personal watercraft in
10 operation shall maintain from the shore, docks, and swimmers, provided that such distance is not greater
11 than fifty feet from the shore and docks, and 100 feet from swimmers. Nothing in this section shall be
12 construed to prohibit access to and from waters where operation is not restricted.

13 Any such ordinance adopted by a county, city, or town may provide for penalties not exceeding
14 those applicable to Class 4 misdemeanors. *Game wardens, sheriffs and all other law-enforcement*
15 *officers are empowered to enforce the provisions of any such local ordinance.*

16 B. For purposes of this section, "personal watercraft" is a ~~type of motorboat~~ and means a small Class
17 ~~A-1 or A-2 vessel~~ *motorboat less than sixteen feet in length* which uses an ~~outboard motor~~, or an
18 inboard motor powering a jet pump, as its primary motive power and which is designed to be operated
19 by a person sitting, standing, or kneeling on, rather than in the conventional manner of sitting or
20 standing inside the vessel.

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