

# VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY -- 2012 SESSION

## CHAPTER 700

*An Act to amend and reenact § 29.1-744.3 of the Code of Virginia, relating to wake surfing.*

[H 1119]

Approved April 9, 2012

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

**1. That § 29.1-744.3 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted 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~~ 50 feet or less of docks, piers, boathouses, boat ramps, and ~~people or a person~~ in the water. ~~Nothing in this section shall prohibit a motorboat from towing a person with a rope less than fifty feet in length, unless such person in the water (i) is being towed by the motorboat or (ii) is accompanying the motorboat, provided that such motorboat is propelled by an inboard motor.~~