**South Carolina General Assembly**

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**A124, R130, H3308**

**STATUS INFORMATION**

General Bill

Sponsors: Reps. Huggins, Hill, Forrest, Caskey and Hixon

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Companion/Similar bill(s): 364, 387, 457

Introduced in the House on January 12, 2021

Introduced in the Senate on March 16, 2021

Last Amended on March 3, 2022

Passed by the General Assembly on March 3, 2022

Governor's Action: March 14, 2022, Signed

Summary: Watercraft

**HISTORY OF LEGISLATIVE ACTIONS**

 Date Body Action Description with journal page number

 12/9/2020 House Prefiled

 12/9/2020 House Referred to Committee on **Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs**

 1/12/2021 House Introduced and read first time ([House Journal‑page 152](file:///h%3A%5Chj%5C20210112.docx))

 1/12/2021 House Referred to Committee on **Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs** ([House Journal‑page 152](file:///h%3A%5Chj%5C20210112.docx))

 2/17/2021 House Committee report: Favorable **Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs** ([House Journal‑page 4](file:///h%3A%5Chj%5C20210217.docx))

 2/23/2021 House Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Caskey

 2/23/2021 House Requests for debate‑Rep(s).  White, GM Smith, Stavrinakis, Thayer, Hewitt, Fry, Whitmire, Gatch, Murphy, Yow, Bernstein, Hart, Tedder, R Williams, Hosey, Kirby, Bradley, W Newton, Brittain, Lowe, Sandifer, Henegan, Cogswell, Anderson ([House Journal‑page 25](file:///h%3A%5Chj%5C20210223.docx))

 2/25/2021 House Debate adjourned until Tues., 3‑2‑21 ([House Journal‑page 21](file:///h%3A%5Chj%5C20210225.docx))

 3/10/2021 House Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Hixon

 3/11/2021 House Amended ([House Journal‑page 21](file:///h%3A%5Chj%5C20210311.docx))

 3/11/2021 House Read second time ([House Journal‑page 21](file:///h%3A%5Chj%5C20210311.docx))

 3/11/2021 House Roll call Yeas‑97 Nays‑15 ([House Journal‑page 23](file:///h%3A%5Chj%5C20210311.docx))

 3/11/2021 House Unanimous consent for third reading on next legislative day ([House Journal‑page 24](file:///h%3A%5Chj%5C20210311.docx))

 3/12/2021 House Read third time and sent to Senate ([House Journal‑page 1](file:///h%3A%5Chj%5C20210312.docx))

 3/16/2021 Senate Introduced and read first time ([Senate Journal‑page 6](file:///h%3A%5Csj%5C20210316.docx))

 3/16/2021 Senate Referred to Committee on **Fish, Game and Forestry** ([Senate Journal‑page 6](file:///h%3A%5Csj%5C20210316.docx))

 4/28/2021 Senate Recalled from Committee on **Fish, Game and Forestry** ([Senate Journal‑page 5](file:///h%3A%5Csj%5C20210428.docx))

 5/11/2021 Senate Amended ([Senate Journal‑page 21](file:///h%3A%5Csj%5C20210511.docx))

 5/12/2021 Senate Amended ([Senate Journal‑page 35](file:///h%3A%5Csj%5C20210512.docx))

 5/12/2021 Senate Read second time ([Senate Journal‑page 35](file:///h%3A%5Csj%5C20210512.docx))

 5/12/2021 Senate Roll call Ayes‑38 Nays‑2 ([Senate Journal‑page 35](file:///h%3A%5Csj%5C20210512.docx))

 5/13/2021 Senate Amended ([Senate Journal‑page 18](file:///h%3A%5Csj%5C20210513.docx))

 5/13/2021 Senate Roll call Ayes‑45 Nays‑0 ([Senate Journal‑page 18](file:///h%3A%5Csj%5C20210513.docx))

 5/13/2021 Senate Read third time and returned to House with amendments ([Senate Journal‑page 18](file:///h%3A%5Csj%5C20210513.docx))

 5/13/2021 House Non‑concurrence in Senate amendment ([House Journal‑page 45](file:///h%3A%5Chj%5C20210513.docx))

 5/13/2021 House Roll call Yeas‑0 Nays‑98 ([House Journal‑page 45](file:///h%3A%5Chj%5C20210513.docx))

 5/13/2021 Senate Senate insists upon amendment and conference committee appointed Campsen, Goldfinch, Williams ([Senate Journal‑page 20](file:///h%3A%5Csj%5C20210513.docx))

 5/13/2021 House Conference committee appointed Huggins, Murphy, S Williams ([House Journal‑page 51](file:///h%3A%5Chj%5C20210513.docx))

 3/2/2022 House Conference report received and adopted ([House Journal‑page 28](file:///h%3A%5Chj%5C20220302.docx))

 3/2/2022 House Roll call Yeas‑99 Nays‑10 ([House Journal‑page 28](file:///h%3A%5Chj%5C20220302.docx))

 3/3/2022 Senate Conference report received and adopted ([Senate Journal‑page 24](file:///h%3A%5Csj%5C20220303.docx))

 3/3/2022 Senate Roll call Ayes‑40 Nays‑0 ([Senate Journal‑page 24](file:///h%3A%5Csj%5C20220303.docx))

 3/8/2022 House Ordered enrolled for ratification ([House Journal‑page 4](file:///h%3A%5Chj%5C20220308.docx))

 3/9/2022 Ratified R 130

 3/14/2022 Signed By Governor

 3/16/2022 Effective date 03/14/22

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(A124, R130, H3308)

**AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 50‑21‑10, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO DEFINE “WAKE SURF”; AND TO AMEND SECTION 50‑21‑870, RELATING TO PERSONAL WATERCRAFT SAFETY, SO AS TO INCREASE DISTANCE LIMITS BETWEEN A WATERCRAFT OPERATING IN EXCESS OF IDLE SPEED UPON CERTAIN WATERS OF THIS STATE AND A WHARF, DOCK, BULKHEAD, OR PIER.**

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina:

**Definitions**

SECTION 1. Section 50‑21‑10 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding an appropriately numbered item to read:

 “( ) ‘Wake surf’ means to operate a vessel that is ballasted in the stern so as to create a wake that is, or is intended to be, surfed by another person.”

**Personal watercraft and boating, applicability**

SECTION 2. Section 50‑21‑870(B)(6) of the 1976 Code is amended to read:

 “(6)(a) operate a personal watercraft, specialty propcraft, or vessel while upon the waters of Lake Greenwood, Lake Hartwell, Lake Jocassee, Lake Keowee, Lake Marion, Lake Monticello, Lake Murray, Lake Robinson, Lake Russell, Lake Secession, Lake Thurmond, Lake Wateree, Fishing Creek Reservoir, Parr Reservoir, or the portion of the Savannah River from the Interstate 20 Savannah River Bridge to the New Savannah River Bluff Lock and Dam in excess of idle speed within one hundred feet of a wharf, dock, bulkhead, or pier or fifty feet of a moored or anchored vessel or person in the water;

 (b) operate a personal watercraft, specialty propcraft, or vessel while upon all other waters of this State in excess of idle speed within 50 feet of a moored or anchored vessel, wharf, dock, bulkhead, pier, or person in the water, or within 100 yards of the Atlantic Ocean coast line. The prohibitions contained in this item do not apply to an unoccupied, moored vessel or watercraft or to a person behind a vessel or watercraft who is on water skis or a floating device with the permission of the operator of the vessel or watercraft;

 (c) the provisions of this item do not apply to Lake Moultrie;”

**Personal watercraft and boating, prohibitions**

SECTION 3. Section 50‑21‑870(B) of the 1976 Code is amended by adding an appropriately numbered item to read:

 “( ) wake surf in excess of idle speed within two hundred feet of a moored vessel, wharf, dock, bulkhead, pier, or person in the water.”

**Time effective**

SECTION 4. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

Ratified the 9th day of March, 2022.

Approved the 14th day of March, 2022.

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