

HB 1591 -- WATERCRAFT OPERATION

SPONSOR: Wood

This bill specifies that the operator of a watercraft that is in violation of the requirements that the watercraft be equipped with a personal flotation device for each person on board shall be guilty of an infraction and fined not more than \$25. The bill also specifies that the owner of any watercraft in violation of the slow-no wake provisions shall be guilty of an infraction and fined not more than \$25.

Finally, upon submission of a no-wake petition signed by more than 50% of the owners of waterfront property located on a cove with its main juncture less than 800 feet from the main channel of the lake to the Water Patrol Division of the Missouri Highway Patrol, such cove shall become a no-wake cove for specified classes of watercrafts, and such watercrafts shall be subject to the slow-no wake speed provisions.