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16 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
18 122ND LEGISLATURE  
20 SECOND REGULAR SESSION

22 COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "C" to H.P. 231, L.D. 307, Bill, "An  
24 Act To Improve Recreational Watercraft Safety"

26 Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting  
28 clause and before the summary and inserting in its place the  
30 following:

32 'Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §13071-A, sub-§5 is enacted to read:

34 5. Operating personal watercraft while 16 years of age or  
36 older and under 18 years of age; boater education. A person 16  
38 years of age or older and under 18 years of age may not operate a  
40 personal watercraft unless, while operating the personal  
42 watercraft, that person possesses on that person identification  
44 showing proof of age and proof of successful completion of a  
46 boater safety education course approved by a national association  
of state boating law administrators, including but not limited to  
courses offered by the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary or other  
organizations approved by the commissioner for providing boater  
safety education courses. The commissioner shall establish a  
list of approved organizations for providing boater safety  
education courses and make that list readily available to the  
public.

A. A person who violates this subsection commits a civil  
violation for which a fine of not less than \$100 and not  
more than \$500 may be adjudged.

2           B. A person who violates this subsection after having been  
4           adjudicated as having committed 3 or more civil violations  
          under this Part within the previous 5-year period commits a  
          Class E crime.

6           **Sec. 2. Effective date.** This Act takes effect January 1, 2007.'

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**SUMMARY**

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12           This amendment is a minority report and prohibits a person  
14           16 years of age or older and under 18 years of age from operating  
          a personal watercraft unless that person possesses on that person  
          proof of age and proof of having completed a boater safety  
          education course. This requirement takes effect January 1, 2007.

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**FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**  
**(See attached)**

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# 122nd MAINE LEGISLATURE

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**An Act To Improve Recreational Watercraft Safety**

**Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "C"**

**Committee: Inland Fisheries and Wildlife**

**Fiscal Note Required: Yes**

**Minority Report**

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## **Fiscal Note**

Minor cost increase - General Fund  
Minor revenue increase - General Fund

### **Correctional and Judicial Impact Statements:**

Establishes a new civil violation and a Class E crime.

The collection of additional fines may increase General Fund revenue by minor amounts.