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An Act To Enhance the Safety of Whitewater Rafters

(EMERGENCY)

Reference to the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife suggested and ordered printed.

Millicent M. Macfarland MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND Clerk

Presented by Representative FLETCHER of Winslow.

En	nergency preamble. Whereas, acts of the Legislature do not
	effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted gencies; and
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W	nereas, whitewater rafting has become a significant outdoor
	n the State with many individuals enjoying the activity;
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potentia	Mereas, participants of whitewater rafting are exposed to ally dangerous conditions during whitewater rafting ons that could result in head injuries; and
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headgear	lereas , although many whitewater rafting companies provide to their clients, some clients choose not to wear the c, increasing their exposure to head injury; and
W	lereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts
create	an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of and require the following legislation as immediately
	ry for the preservation of the public peace, health and
safety;	now, therefore,
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