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An Act To Improve Water Skiing Safety

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

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Clerk

Presented by Representative FLETCHER of Winslow.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

4 **Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §13074** is enacted to read:

6 **§13074. Watercraft towing skier**

8 A watercraft towing a person on water skis, a surfboard or other similar device must have:

10 1. **Observer.** A person in the watercraft who is at least 12
12 years of age, in addition to the operator, who is in a position
to continually observe the person being towed; or

14 2. **Mirror.** An approved wide-angle ski mirror mounted with
16 a viewing surface of at least 70 square inches and that is at
18 least 4 inches in height and 8 inches in length, gives 180
degrees of vision behind the operator and is designed as a ski
mirror.

20 This subsection does not apply to a watercraft towing a person on
22 a tube or to a personal watercraft towing a person.

24 **SUMMARY**

26 This bill allows the use of a rear-view wide-angle mirror in
28 lieu of an observer on a boat that is towing a person on water
skis.