
ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 112—ASSEMBLYWOMAN PARNELL

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Referred to Committee on Natural Resources,
Agriculture, and Mining

SUMMARY—Requires certain vessels to carry on board certain
safety devices. (BDR 43-770)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: Increases or Newly
Provides for Term of Imprisonment in County or City
Jail or Detention Facility.
Effect on the State: Yes.

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *bolded italics* is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to watercraft; requiring certain vessels to carry on
board certain safety devices accessible for use in an
emergency; providing a penalty; and providing other
matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

1 Existing law requires every water vessel to carry at least one personal flotation
2 device for each person on board the vessel and for any person in a vessel being
3 towed. The flotation device must be approved by the United States Coast Guard
4 and prescribed by the Board of Wildlife Commissioners. Flotation devices stored
5 on a vessel must be readily accessible for use in an emergency. (NRS 488.193)
6 Existing law further provides that, with certain exceptions, a violation of any
7 provision of the chapter governing watercraft is a misdemeanor. (NRS 488.950)
8 This bill requires that a vessel which is 16 feet or more in length also carry a
9 safety device which is capable of being thrown and which has at least 60 feet of
10 line attached. The safety device must be approved by the United States Coast Guard
11 and prescribed by the Board of Wildlife Commissioners. The safety device must be
12 readily accessible for use in an emergency. Examples of these safety devices
13 include a ring life buoy or buoyant cushion. Because this requirement is included in
14 the chapter governing watercraft, the general misdemeanor penalty for violations of
15 the chapter apply to a person who violates this requirement. (NRS 488.950)



THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN
SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1 **Section 1.** NRS 488.193 is hereby amended to read as follows:
2 488.193 1. Except for a contrivance, propelled by a sail,
3 whose occupant must stand erect, every vessel must carry at least
4 one personal flotation device of a type approved by the United
5 States Coast Guard and prescribed by the regulations of the
6 Commission for each person on board and any person in a vessel
7 being towed, so placed as to be readily accessible for use in an
8 emergency. Every vessel carrying passengers for hire must carry so
9 placed as to be readily accessible for use in an emergency at least
10 one personal flotation device of the sort prescribed by the
11 regulations of the Commission for each person on board.

12 2. *In addition to the requirements set forth in subsection 1,*
13 *every vessel which is 16 feet or more in length, regardless of its*
14 *method of propulsion, must carry a safety device capable of being*
15 *thrown, such as a ring life buoy or buoyant cushion, with not less*
16 *than 60 feet of line attached. The safety device must be placed so*
17 *as to be readily accessible for use in an emergency and must be of*
18 *a type approved by the United States Coast Guard and prescribed*
19 *by the regulations of the Commission.*

20 3. Every motorboat must be provided with such number, size
21 and type of fire extinguishers, capable of promptly and effectually
22 extinguishing burning gasoline, as may be prescribed by the
23 regulations of the Commission. The fire extinguishers must be of a
24 marine type which has been approved by the United States Coast
25 Guard and kept in condition for immediate and effective use and so
26 placed as to be readily accessible.

27 ~~3.1~~ 4. Every motorboat must have the carburetor of every
28 engine therein, except outboard motors, using gasoline as fuel,
29 equipped with such efficient flame arrestor, backfire trap or other
30 similar device as may be prescribed by the regulations of the
31 Commission.

32 ~~4.1~~ 5. Every motorboat and every vessel, except open boats,
33 using as fuel any liquid of a volatile nature, must be provided with
34 such means as may be prescribed by the regulations of the
35 Commission for properly and efficiently ventilating the bilges of the
36 engine and compartments for tanks of fuel to remove any explosive
37 or flammable gases.

38 ~~5.1~~ 6. The Commission may adopt regulations modifying the
39 requirements for equipment contained in this section to the extent
40 necessary to keep these requirements in conformity with the
41 provisions of the Federal Navigation Laws or with the rules for
42 navigation adopted by the United States Coast Guard.



1 **Sec. 2.** This act becomes effective upon passage and approval.



