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House Bill 2716

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[Passed March 8, 2019; in effect ninety days from
passage.]

1 AN ACT to amend and reenact §20-7-13 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating
2 to vessel lighting and equipment requirements.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

ARTICLE 7. LAW ENFORCEMENT, MOTORBOATING, LITTER.

**§20-7-13. Motorboat classification; required lights and equipment; rules and regulations;
pilot rules.**

1 (a) Vessels on the waters of this state are subject to lighting requirements, equipment
2 requirements, and pilot and navigation rules, as contained in the federal navigation laws and rules
3 promulgated by the United States Coast Guard pursuant to 33 C.F.R. Subchapter E *et seq.* Inland
4 Navigation Rules, as authorized by 46 U.S.C. §4302.

5 (b) Vessels on the waters of this state are subject to ventilation requirements as contained
6 in federal navigation laws and rules promulgated by the United States Coast Guard pursuant to
7 46 C.F.R. §25.40 *et seq.*, as authorized by 6 U.S.C. §4302.

8 (c) The director may promulgate rules in accordance with the provisions of §29A-3-1 *et*
9 *seq.* of this code modifying the equipment requirements contained in this section to the extent
10 necessary to keep these requirements in conformity with the provisions of the federal navigation
11 laws or with the navigation rules promulgated by the United States Coast Guard.

12 (d) The director may promulgate rules in accordance with the provisions of §29A-3-1 *et*
13 *seq.* of this code, pilot rules in conformity with the pilot rules contained in the federal navigation
14 laws, or the navigation rules promulgated by the United States Coast Guard for the operation of
15 vessels on the waters of this state.

16 (e) No person shall operate or give permission for the operation of a vessel which is not
17 equipped as required by this section or modification thereof.

The Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

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Chairman, House Committee

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Chairman, Senate Committee

Originating in the House.

In effect ninety days from passage.

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Speaker of the House of Delegates

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President of the Senate

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