

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
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**March 22, 2005**

**TO:** Honorable Harvey Hilderbran, Chair, House Committee on Culture, Recreation, & Tourism

**FROM:** John S. O'Brien, Deputy Director, Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE: HB2622** by Phillips (Relating to boating safety.), **As Introduced**

<b>No fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</b>
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The bill would amend Chapter 31 of the Parks and Wildlife Code relating to boating safety. The bill would remove the requirement that a person operating a personal watercraft either must be at least 16 years old, or accompanied by a person 18 years or older, or at least 13 years of age and has successfully completed a boating education course as prescribed by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD). The bill would repeal § 31.107 regarding the same age limitations and § 31.131 (b) reverting the offense of failure to complete the boater education course from a Class A Parks and Wildlife misdemeanor to a Class C misdemeanor. No fiscal implication to the TPWD is anticipated from implementation of the bill.

The bill would take effect September 1, 2005.

**Local Government Impact**

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

**Source Agencies:** 802 Parks and Wildlife Department

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