

1-1 By: Parker (Senate Sponsor - Harris) H.B. No. 3108  
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 23, 2009;  
1-3 April 24, 2009, read first time and referred to Committee on  
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1-5 Committee Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 6, Nays 0;  
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1-7 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR H.B. No. 3108 By: Uresti

1-8 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-9 AN ACT

1-10 relating to an interim study of recreational boating safety in  
1-11 Texas.

1-12 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-13 SECTION 1. ADVISORY PANEL; STUDY. (a) The governor,  
1-14 lieutenant governor, and speaker of the house of representatives  
1-15 shall each appoint three members to an advisory panel on  
1-16 recreational boating safety. The appointments by each shall  
1-17 include at least one representative from a boat dealer,  
1-18 distributor, or manufacturer licensed under Section 31.041, Parks  
1-19 and Wildlife Code.

1-20 (b) The panel appointed under Subsection (a) of this section  
1-21 shall conduct a study assessing current conditions and making  
1-22 recommendations regarding:

1-23 (1) boating safety generally and ways to improve  
1-24 boating safety on lakes and rivers in this state;

1-25 (2) the effect of boater education on boating safety  
1-26 and the boat rental, boat sales, and tourism industries;

1-27 (3) the effect of requiring every boat owner to carry  
1-28 liability insurance on boating safety and the boat rental, boat  
1-29 sales, and tourism industries;

1-30 (4) the effectiveness of law enforcement on lakes and  
1-31 rivers and ways to increase the effectiveness of law enforcement,  
1-32 including possible increases in the number of enforcement officers  
1-33 and state or local responsibility for the increases; and

1-34 (5) any other issue the advisory panel finds relevant  
1-35 to boating safety in this state.

1-36 (c) For each area of the study, the panel shall provide an  
1-37 estimate of the costs to boaters and the boating and tourism  
1-38 industries if the panel's recommendations were implemented.

1-39 (d) One member of the panel appointed by the governor shall  
1-40 serve as the panel's presiding officer.

1-41 (e) The panel shall convene at the call of the presiding  
1-42 officer.

1-43 (f) From the contingent expense fund of the senate and the  
1-44 contingent expense fund of the house of representatives equally,  
1-45 the members of the panel may be reimbursed for expenses incurred in  
1-46 carrying out the provisions of this Act in accordance with the rules  
1-47 of the senate and house of representatives and the policies of the  
1-48 senate and house committees on administration.

1-49 (g) Not later than December 31, 2010, the panel shall report  
1-50 the results of the study conducted under this section to the Parks  
1-51 and Wildlife Department, the governor, the lieutenant governor, the  
1-52 speaker of the house of representatives, and the members of the  
1-53 committee in each house of the legislature with primary  
1-54 jurisdiction over recreational boating.

1-55 SECTION 2. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act takes effect September  
1-56 1, 2009.

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