

BILL ANALYSIS

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H.B. 596
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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

This bill would amend the Parks and Wildlife Code to prohibit the operation of a motorboat in a circular course around a personal watercraft, water-skier, or person engaged in similar activity. It would not apply to retrieving a downed or fallen water-skier.

H.B. 596 amends current law relating to offenses involving operating a motorboat in a circular course.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Provides that this Act shall be known as the Britteny Sage Lindt Act.

SECTION 2. Amends the heading to Section 31.099, Parks and Wildlife Code, to read as follows:

Sec. 31.099. PROHIBITION ON CIRCULAR COURSE AROUND INDIVIDUALS ENGAGED IN WATER ACTIVITIES.

SECTION 3. Amends Section 31.099, Parks and Wildlife Code, by amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (a-1), as follows:

(a) Prohibits a person from operating a motorboat in a circular course around:

(1) any other boat or personal watercraft any occupant of which is engaged in fishing, waterskiing, or a similar activity; or

(2) any person swimming.

(a-1) Provides that Subsection (a) does not apply to a person operating a motorboat in a circular course to retrieve a downed or fallen water-skier or other person engaged in a similar activity.

SECTION 4. Makes application of this Act prospective.

SECTION 5. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2011.