

SENATE BILL 384  
By Atchley

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 69, Chapter 10, relative to personal flotation devices for children being transported on certain vessels on the waters of this state.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 69, Chapter 10, Part 2, is amended by adding the following as a new section to be appropriately designated:

Section \_\_\_\_\_. (a) All persons age twelve (12) and under in an open boat or on an open deck of a vessel being used for recreational purposes on the waters of this state shall wear a United States Coast Guard-approved wearable personal flotation device of proper size for the person while such vessel is underway.

(b) Any personal flotation devices required by this section shall be in good and serviceable condition of appropriate size properly worn by the person.

(c) A violation of the provisions of this section shall be a Class C misdemeanor.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect on July 1, 1997, the public welfare requiring it.

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