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To: Subst. House Bill No. 6760

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**"AN ACT CONCERNING BOATING SAFETY."**

1 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and  
2 internal references accordingly:

3 "Sec. 501. Subsection (a) of section 15-140e of the general statutes is  
4 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*  
5 *October 1, 2005*):

6 (a) On and after the following dates, no resident of the state, person  
7 owning real property in the state or person owning a vessel in the state  
8 shall operate on the waters of the state a vessel which is required to be  
9 registered or numbered pursuant to this chapter unless such person  
10 has a valid vessel operator license by the United States Coast Guard or  
11 has obtained a safe boating certificate issued by the Commissioner of  
12 Environmental Protection: For operators who are less than twenty  
13 years of age, June 23, 1993; for operators who are less than twenty-five

14 years of age, October 1, 1993; for operators who are less than thirty  
15 years of age, October 1, 1994; for operators who are less than thirty-five  
16 years of age, October 1, 1995; for operators who are less than forty  
17 years of age, October 1, 1996; and for all operators forty years of age or  
18 older, October 1, 1997. Notwithstanding the provisions of this section,  
19 the commissioner may issue a certificate to a person who has  
20 successfully completed a course in safe boating operation approved by  
21 the commissioner before the date such person is required to take the  
22 exam under this section. A safe boating certificate may be suspended  
23 or revoked, pursuant to section 15-133, 15-140l or 15-140n, and shall be  
24 valid for the life of the person to whom it is issued unless otherwise  
25 suspended or revoked. The provisions of this section do not apply to a  
26 person operating a vessel propelled exclusively by an electric motor on  
27 inland waters of this state upon which motor powered vessels  
28 exceeding ten horsepower are prohibited."