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Governor's Bill No. 832

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Referred to Committee on Environment

Introduced by:

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AN ACT CONCERNING BOATING SAFETY.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2009*) (a) A person is guilty of
2 manslaughter in the second degree with a vessel when, while
3 operating a vessel upon the waters of this state under the influence of
4 intoxicating liquor or any drug, or both, such person causes the death
5 of another person as a consequence of the effect of such liquor or drug.

6 (b) Manslaughter in the second degree with a vessel is a class C
7 felony and the court shall suspend the safe boating certificate for
8 operation or certificate of personal watercraft operation for one year
9 for any person found guilty under this section.

10 Sec. 2. Section 15-140l of the general statutes is repealed and the
11 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2009*):

12 (a) A person commits the offense of reckless operation of a vessel in
13 the first degree while under the influence when, while under the
14 influence of intoxicating liquor or any drug, or both, or while such

15 person has an elevated blood alcohol level content, such person
16 operates a vessel at such speed or maneuvers a vessel in such a manner
17 as to result in (1) [death or] serious physical injury to another person,
18 or (2) damage to property in excess of two thousand dollars.

19 (b) Any person guilty of reckless operation of a vessel in the first
20 degree while under the influence shall be fined not less than two
21 thousand five hundred dollars or more than five thousand dollars or
22 imprisoned not more than two years, or both.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2009</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2009</i>	15-140l

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