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"AN ACT CONCERNING DRUNK BOATING."

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

3 "Sec. 501. Subsection (d) of section 15-140e of the 2010 supplement
4 to the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in
5 lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

6 (d) [Any person operating a vessel other than a personal watercraft,
7 as defined in section 15-140j, which is rented for a period of fourteen
8 days or less from a boat livery need not obtain a certificate during the
9 rental period. An owner, agent or employee of a boat livery shall
10 furnish to each rental customer literature on safety and rules of
11 navigation as supplied by the commissioner] Prior to operating a
12 rented vessel that is required to be registered, other than a personal
13 watercraft, as defined in section 15-140j, any nonresident of the state
14 who is not required to have a safe boating certificate or who is not
15 exempt pursuant to subsection (a) of this section from having a safe

16 boating certificate, shall possess a renter's safe boating certificate
17 issued by the boat livery pursuant to section 15-150 or a safe boating
18 certificate issued by another state that bears the approval mark of the
19 National Association of State Boating Law Administrators.

20 Sec. 502. Section 15-150 of the general statutes is repealed and the
21 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

22 (a) Each boat liveryperson shall keep a record of the name and
23 address of every person who rents a vessel, the original of the graded
24 renter's safe boating certificate examination completed pursuant to
25 subsection (f) of this section, if applicable, the registration number
26 thereof, if applicable, the departure date and time and the expected
27 time of return. The record shall be preserved for at least one year.

28 (b) Any operator of a vessel rented from a boat livery shall carry on
29 board such vessel and make available for inspection their safe boating
30 certificate, certificate of personal watercraft operation or renter's safe
31 boating certificate, the original or a copy of the written rental
32 agreement for such rental, signed by the owner of the boat livery or
33 such owner's agent and by the person renting the vessel, stating the
34 length of time for which such vessel is being rented, the identity of the
35 person who rented the vessel and the vessel number which appears on
36 the certificate of number, if vessel registration is required.

37 (c) Neither the owner nor any agent or employee of a boat livery
38 shall permit any vessel which is rented to depart from the livery
39 premises unless it is provided, either by the owner or lessee, with such
40 safety devices and equipment as may be required by law.

41 (d) Neither the owner nor any agent or employee of a boat livery
42 shall permit any vessel which is rented to depart the boat livery unless
43 such vessel is registered and numbered properly as a livery boat, if
44 required. Except as provided in subsection (a) of section 15-144, if the
45 vessel is required to be registered and numbered as a livery boat, the
46 certificate of number shall be carried aboard and made available for
47 inspection upon the vessel for which it is issued.

48 (e) Neither the owner nor any agent or employee of a boat livery
49 shall permit an operator of any vessel which is rented to depart from
50 the boat livery without a safe boating certificate or certificate of
51 personal watercraft operation, if such operator is required by sections
52 15-140e and 15-140j to have a safe boating certificate or certificate of
53 personal watercraft operation.

54 (f) Prior to renting a vessel that is required to be registered, other
55 than a personal watercraft as defined in section 15-140j, the owner,
56 agent or employee of a boat livery shall provide instructional materials
57 in safe boating fundamentals supplied by the commissioner and shall
58 administer an examination supplied by the commissioner to
59 nonresidents who do not possess and who are not exempted from
60 possessing a safe boating certificate, as described in section 15-140e.
61 Such examination shall consist of ten questions, eight of which shall be
62 answered correctly as a prerequisite to receiving such renter's safe
63 boating certificate. The boat livery shall issue a renter's safe boating
64 certificate to each person who successfully passes the examination.

65 (g) A renter's safe boating certificate issued pursuant to subsection
66 (f) of this section shall be issued on the same day the examination is
67 administered and passed and shall be valid for not more than seven
68 days from the date of issuance.

69 ~~[(f)]~~ (h) Violation of any provision of this section shall be an
70 infraction."