



House Bill No. 5300

Public Act No. 11-90

AN ACT CONCERNING THE SPEED LIMITS OF BOATS ON THE MYSTIC RIVER.

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

Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) No person shall operate a vessel in excess of Slow-No-Wake on the Mystic River within the following two areas: (1) Between the entrance to the Mystic Harbor and Red Navigation Marker No. 22, excluding Beebe Cove, where the entrance to Mystic Harbor shall be a line beginning at the southernmost tip of Mouse Island, then east to Red Navigation Buoy "4", known as Whale Rock, then generally northeasterly to Green Navigation Buoy "9" to the northern tip of Ram Island and to the southernmost tip of Mason Point, and (2) from Red Navigation Buoy "26" northward to Green Navigation Buoy "53".

(b) Any violation of subsection (a) of this section shall be an infraction. The Commissioner of Environmental Protection shall administer the provisions of this section in accordance with chapter 268 of the general statutes.

Sec. 2. Subsection (a) of section 15-154 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

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(a) Any harbor master, deputy harbor master, conservation officer, special conservation officer or state police officer and any municipal police officer, any special police officer appointed under sections 29-18 and 29-19, any town marine officers appointed under section 15-154a and certified by the commissioner for marine police duty and any lake patrolman appointed under section 7-151b may enforce the provisions of section 1 of this act, this chapter and chapter 446k, except that only peace officers shall enforce the provisions of section 15-132a, subsection (d) of section 15-133 and sections 15-140l and 15-140n. In the enforcement of this chapter, such officer may arrest, without previous complaint and warrant, any person who fails to comply with the provisions of this chapter. Failure to appear in court pursuant to such arrest, unless excused by the court or the state's attorney or assistant state's attorney, shall constitute sufficient cause for the suspension by the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles of the boat registration of the boat involved for not more than thirty days or until the matter is resolved by the court, whichever is sooner.

Sec. 3. Section 15-16 of the general statutes is repealed. (*Effective from passage*)

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