



General Assembly

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Committee Bill No. 5811

LCO No. 3639



Referred to Committee on ENVIRONMENT

Introduced by:
(ENV)

***AN ACT CONCERNING THE OPERATION OF VESSELS WITH
ELECTRIC MOTORS ON INLAND WATERS OF THE STATE.***

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 15-140e of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
3 *October 1, 2013*):

4 (a) No resident of the state, person owning real property in the state
5 or person owning a vessel in the state shall operate on the waters of the
6 state a vessel which is required to be registered or numbered pursuant
7 to this chapter unless such person has a valid vessel operator license
8 issued by the United States Coast Guard or has obtained a safe boating
9 certificate issued by the Commissioner of Energy and Environmental
10 Protection. No owner of a vessel shall knowingly authorize or permit a
11 person who is less than sixteen years of age who is required by this
12 section to obtain a safe boating certificate issued by the Commissioner
13 of Energy and Environmental Protection to operate such vessel on the
14 waters of the state without a safe boating certificate, unless such
15 person is under the direct onboard supervision of a person who is at
16 least eighteen years of age who has been issued a safe boating

17 certificate and who has held such certificate for at least two years. A
18 safe boating certificate may be suspended or revoked, pursuant to
19 section 15-132a, 15-133, 15-140l or 15-140n, and shall be valid for the
20 life of the person to whom it is issued unless otherwise suspended or
21 revoked. The provisions of this section shall not apply to any person
22 who operates a vessel propelled exclusively by an electric motor on the
23 inland waters of this state upon which motor powered vessels
24 exceeding ten horsepower are prohibited.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2013	15-140e(a)

ENV *Joint Favorable*