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OFFICIAL STATUS 1344 Introduction and first reading Referred to Environment and Natural Resources

1.1 1.2 1.3 1.4	A bill for an act relating to natural resources; modifying personal watercraft operational requirements; amending Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 86B.313, subdivision 1.
1.5	BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:
1.6	Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 86B.313, subdivision 1, is amended to read:
1.7	Subdivision 1. General requirements. (a) In addition to requirements of other laws
1.8	relating to watercraft, a person may not operate or permit the operation of a personal
1.9	watercraft:
1.10	(1) without each person on board the personal watercraft wearing a United States
1.11	Coast Guard approved Type I, II, III, or V personal flotation device;
1.12	(2) between one hour before sunset and 9:30 a.m., unless the personal watercraft is
1.13	equipped with proper navigational lights as prescribed by the commissioner;
1.14	(3) at greater than slow-no wake speed within 150 feet of:
1.15	(i) a shoreline;
1.16	(ii) a dock;
1.17	(iii) a swimmer;
1.18	(iv) a raft used for swimming or diving; or
1.19	(v) a moored, anchored, or nonmotorized watercraft;
1.20	(4) while towing a person on water skis, a kneeboard, an inflatable craft, or any
1.21	other device unless:
1.22	(i) an observer is on board; or
1.23	(ii) the personal watercraft is equipped with factory-installed or factory-specified
1.24	accessory mirrors that give the operator a wide field of vision to the rear;

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- 2.1 (5) without the lanyard-type engine cutoff switch being attached to the person,
- 2.2 clothing, or personal flotation device of the operator, if the personal watercraft is equipped2.3 by the manufacturer with such a device;
- 2.4 (6) if any part of the spring-loaded throttle mechanism has been removed, altered, or
 2.5 tampered with so as to interfere with the return-to-idle system;
- 2.6 (7) to chase or harass wildlife;
- 2.7 (8) through emergent or floating vegetation at other than a slow-no wake speed;
- 2.8 (9) in a manner that unreasonably or unnecessarily endangers life, limb, or property,
- 2.9 including weaving through congested watercraft traffic, jumping the wake of another
- 2.10 watercraft within 150 feet of the other watercraft, or operating the watercraft while
- 2.11 facing backwards;
- 2.12 (10) in any other manner that is not reasonable and prudent; or
- 2.13 (11) without a personal watercraft rules decal, issued by the commissioner, attached2.14 to the personal watercraft so as to be in full view of the operator.
- 2.15 (b) Paragraph (a), clause (3), does not apply to a person operating a personal
- 2.16 watercraft to launch or land a person on water skis, a kneeboard, or similar device by the
- 2.17 most direct route to open water.