

SENATE, No. 4639

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

222nd LEGISLATURE

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SYNOPSIS

“Carlo’s Law”; requires paddleboard tether and safety information be provided to paddleboard renters under certain circumstances.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



1 AN ACT concerning paddleboard safety, designated as “Carlo’s
2 Law,” and supplementing Title 12 of the Revised Statutes.

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4 **BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*
5 *of New Jersey:*

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7 1. a. (1) Any person regularly engaged in the business of
8 renting stand-up paddleboards in this State shall provide each renter
9 with an appropriate tether which attaches the operator of the
10 paddleboard to the paddleboard and with safety information
11 prepared by the Superintendent of State Police pursuant to
12 subsection b. of this section.

13 (2) A person regularly engaged in the business of renting stand-
14 up paddleboards in this State shall regularly inspect and properly
15 maintain all tethers provided to renters pursuant to this subsection.

16 b. The Superintendent of State Police shall prepare
17 informational materials regarding paddleboard safety which shall
18 include:

19 (1) instructions on the proper use and attachment of a tether;

20 (2) information regarding the different types of tethers, which
21 type of tether is recommended based upon the water conditions, and
22 the risks associated with certain types of tethers when used in
23 moving waters, including potential entrapment; and

24 (3) information clarifying that a tether does not replace any
25 personal flotation device required under any applicable federal or
26 State law.

27 The informational materials prepared pursuant to this subsection
28 shall be made available on the Internet website of the Division of
29 State Police.

30 c. Any person who violates the provisions of subsection a. of
31 this section shall be subject to a penalty of \$25 for a first offense,
32 \$50 for a second offense, and \$100 for a third or subsequent
33 offense.

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35 2. This act shall take effect on the first day of the seventh
36 month next following the date of enactment, except that the
37 Superintendent of State Police may take any anticipatory
38 administrative action in advance as shall be necessary for the
39 implementation of this act.

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42 STATEMENT

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44 This bill, to be known as “Carlo’s Law,” requires that a
45 paddleboard tether and safety information be provided to
46 paddleboard renters under certain circumstances.

47 Under the bill, any person regularly engaged in the business of
48 renting stand-up paddleboards in this State is required to provide

1 each renter with an appropriate tether which attaches the operator of
2 the paddleboard to the paddleboard and with safety information
3 prepared by the Superintendent of State Police concerning the use
4 of tethers and paddleboards. This information is to be made
5 available on the Internet website of the Division of State Police.

6 The bill also requires the tethers provided to renters to be
7 regularly inspected and properly maintained.

8 Finally, the bill provides that a person who does not provide a
9 tether or the safety information required pursuant to the bill's
10 provisions is subject to a penalty of \$25 for a first offense, \$50 for a
11 second offense, and \$100 for a third or subsequent offense.