

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE BILL NO. 409

100TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE WILSON.

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DANA RADEMAN MILLER, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To repeal section 306.220, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to personal flotation devices, with penalty provisions.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Section 306.220, RSMo, is repealed and one new section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 306.220, to read as follows:

306.220. 1. **The provisions of this section shall be known and referred to as "Hannah's Law".**

2. Each person under the age of ~~[seven]~~ **twelve** who is on board any watercraft which is on the waters of this state **or who is wading or swimming in navigable public waters more than three feet in depth** shall wear a personal flotation device which is approved by the United States Coast Guard. Any person who allows a person under the age of ~~[seven]~~ **twelve** to be on board any watercraft which is on the waters of this state without wearing a personal flotation device, **or to wade or swim in navigable public waters more than three feet in depth without wearing a personal flotation device**, shall be deemed guilty of a class C misdemeanor. This section does not apply when the person under the age of ~~[seven]~~ **twelve** is in a part of a watercraft which is fully enclosed, where such enclosure will prevent such person from falling out of or being thrown from the watercraft. **This section does not apply when a person under the age of twelve is supervised by a lifeguard.**

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EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.