

HB 777 -- PERSONAL FLOTATION DEVICES

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Currently, children under the age of seven years old are required to wear a personal flotation device when on board any watercraft on the waters of Missouri. This bill names this provision "Hannah's Law" and raises the age until which a child is required to wear a personal flotation device to the age of 12. The bill also requires a child, under the age of 12, who is wading or swimming in navigable public waters more than three feet in depth to wear a personal flotation device. The bill exempts children from the personal flotation device requirement if supervised by a lifeguard.

This bill is similar to HB 1727 (2020) and HB 409 (2019).