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Introduced by M. of A. MAISEL, STEVENSON -- read once and referred to the Committee on Transportation

AN ACT to amend the navigation law and the general business law, in relation to restrictions on jet skis

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Subdivision 1-a of section 49 of the navigation law is renumbered subdivision 1-b and a new subdivision 1-a is added to read as follows:

1-A. THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION SHALL APPLY TO JET SKIS, WHICH, FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION SHALL MEAN ANY SMALL SELF-PROPELLED WATERCRAFT FOR ONE OR TWO INDIVIDUALS, WHICH SKIMS ACROSS WATER ON A FLAT KEEL, AND IS STEERED BY MEANS OF HANDLEBARS.

S 2. The general business law is amended by adding a new section 391-s to read as follows:

S 391-S. SALE OF JET SKIS. PERSONS UNDER THE AGE OF EIGHTEEN YEARS SHALL BE PROHIBITED FROM PURCHASING JET SKIS, AS SUCH TERM IS DEFINED IN SECTION FORTY-NINE OF THE NAVIGATION LAW UNLESS SUCH PERSON IS ACCOMPANIED BY A PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN.

S 3. Subdivision 1-b of section 49 of the navigation law, as renumbered by section one of this act, is amended by adding a new paragraph b-1 to read as follows:

B-1. NO PERSON SHALL OPERATE A JET SKI UPON THE NAVIGABLE WATERS OF THE STATE OR ANY TIDEWATERS BORDERING ON OR LYING WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF NASSAU AND SUFFOLK COUNTIES UNLESS SUCH PERSON WEARS A PROTECTIVE HELMET AND IS THE HOLDER OF A BOARD SAFETY CERTIFICATE ISSUED BY THE COMMISSIONER, THE UNITED STATES POWER SQUADRONS, THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD AUXILIARY OR OTHER STATE OR GOVERNMENT, AS A RESULT OF COMPLETING A COURSE APPROVED BY THE COMMISSIONER.

S 4. This act shall take effect immediately.

EXPLANATION--Matter in ITALICS (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [ ] is old law to be omitted.

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