

STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

May 18, 2026

Introduced by Sen. SERRANO -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Cultural Affairs, Tourism, Parks and Recreation

AN ACT to amend chapter 138 of the laws of 1998, amending the navigation law and the state finance law relating to the operation of personal watercraft and specialty prop-craft, in relation to the effectiveness thereof

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

1 Section 1. Section 8 of chapter 138 of the laws of 1998, amending the
2 navigation law and the state finance law relating to the operation of
3 personal watercraft and specialty prop-craft, as amended by chapter 191
4 of the laws of 2024, is amended to read as follows:

5 § 8. This act shall take effect immediately; provided that section two
6 of this act shall take effect January 1, 2000 and shall apply to all
7 operators born on or after January 1, 2000 and shall apply to all opera-
8 tors born on or after January 1, 1981, provided further on and after
9 January 1, 2001 and before January 1, 2002 such section shall apply to
10 all operators born on or after January 1, 1978; provided further that on
11 and after January 1, 2002 and before January 1, 2003 such section shall
12 apply to all operators born on or after January 1, 1975; provided
13 further that on and after January 1, 2003 and before January 1, 2004
14 such section shall apply to all operators born on or after January 1,
15 1972, and provided further that on and after January 1, 2004 it shall
16 apply to all operators; and provided further that section five of this
17 act shall expire and be deemed repealed January 1, ~~2027~~ 2029. Upon a
18 finding that courses do not exist in sufficient numbers to enable the
19 operators of personal watercraft to earn boating safety certificates in
20 a timely fashion as required by subdivision 1-a of section 49 of the
21 navigation law, as added by section two of this act, the commissioner of
22 parks, recreation and historic preservation is authorized by rule or
23 regulation to modify the dates provided in this section.

24 § 2. 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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