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Sens. Harris, Amstutz, Herington, Mead, Spada

Reps. Kearns, Collier, Damschroder, Schmidt, Seitz, Sulzer, Flowers

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ACT SUMMARY

- Limits the prohibition against operating a vessel at greater than idle speed or at a speed that creates a wake within 300 feet of certain dock and harbor areas to vessels operating on Lake Erie or the Ohio River.

CONTENT AND OPERATION

Former law prohibited a person from operating a vessel at greater than idle speed or at a speed that created a wake within 300 feet of any marina, boat docking facility, boat gasoline dock, launch ramp, recreational boat harbor, or harbor entrance. Law unchanged by the act prohibits a person from operating a vessel at greater than idle speed or at a speed that creates a wake during the period from sunset to sunrise according to local time within any water between the Dan Beard Bridge and the Brent Spence Bridge on the Ohio River for any vessel not documented by the United States Coast Guard as commercial or within any area buoyed or marked as a no wake area. In addition, law retained in part by the act provides that those prohibitions do not apply in certain areas, including in the Muskingum River unless the river is marked by a buoy or sign as a no wake or idle speed area.

The act retains the prohibition against operating a vessel at greater than idle speed or at a speed that creates a wake within 300 feet of any marina, boat docking facility, boat gasoline dock, launch ramp, recreational boat harbor, or harbor entrance, but limits it to vessels operating on Lake Erie or the Ohio River. In addition, it clarifies that the prohibition against operating a vessel at such speeds within any area bouyed or marked as a no wake area applies to such an area on the waters in this state. (Sec. 1547.08(B)(1).) Finally, as a result of those two changes, the act removes the exemption for the operation of a vessel at greater

than idle speed or at a speed that creates a wake in the Muskingum River (sec. 1547.08(B)(2)).

HISTORY

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