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Bill Analysis
Legislative Service Commission

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124th General Assembly
(As Reported by H. Agriculture & Natural Resources)

Sens. Harris, Amstutz, Herington, Mead, Spada, Kearns

Reps. Collier, Damschroder

BILL 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

Current law

Current law prohibits a person from 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, or 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, current law 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. (Sec. 1547.08(B).)

The bill

The bill limits 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 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 buoyed 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 bill

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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