
SENATE BILL 6250

State of Washington

54th Legislature

1996 Regular Session

By Senators Owen, Swecker, McAuliffe, Haugen, Sheldon, Winsley, Rinehart, Fairley, Sellar and Cantu

Read first time 01/09/96. Referred to Committee on Ecology & Parks.

1 AN ACT Relating to personal flotation devices; amending RCW
2 88.12.115; and prescribing penalties.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 88.12.115 and 1993 c 244 s 14 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 (1) No person may operate or permit the operation of a vessel on
7 the waters of the state without a personal flotation device on board
8 for each person on the vessel. Each personal flotation device shall be
9 in serviceable condition, of an appropriate size, and readily
10 accessible.

11 (2) No person may operate or permit to be operated a vessel under
12 nineteen feet in length unless each person nine years of age or younger
13 on the vessel wears a United States coast guard-approved personal
14 flotation device.

15 (3) Except as provided in RCW 88.12.015, a violation of subsection
16 (1) or (2) of this section is an infraction under chapter 7.84 RCW if
17 the vessel is not carrying passengers for hire.

1 (~~(3)~~) (4) A violation of subsection (1) or (2) of this section is
2 a misdemeanor punishable under RCW 9.92.030, if the vessel is carrying
3 passengers for hire.

--- END ---