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AN ACT to create 30.675 of the statutes, relating to establishing a distress signal flag to be displayed by boats in times of emergency and providing penalties.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

30.675 of the statutes is created to read:

30.675 DISTRESS SIGNAL FLAG. The display on a boat or by a person of an orange flag approximately 18 by 30 inches in size shall indicate that such boat or person is in need of help.

(1) Insofar as is possible without serious danger to his own boat or persons on board, the operator of a boat observing such distress signal shall render to the boat or person displaying the signal such assistance as may be practicable and necessary to save the boat or person or to minimize any danger to them.

(2) No person shall display a flag like that described in sub. (1) unless such person is in need of assistance to prevent bodily injury or destruc-

tion of property.

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