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April 17, 1997 – Introduced by Representatives Black, Gard, Hanson, Krug, Ward, R. Young, La Fave, Baumgart, Hutchison, Boyle, Bock, Hasenohrl, Robson and R. Potter, cosponsored by Senators Burke and Huelsman. Referred to Committee on Natural Resources.

1 AN ACT to amend 30.66 (3) (a) and 30.66 (3) (b); and to create 30.66 (3) (c) of the

statutes; **relating to:** prohibited areas for the operation of personal watercraft.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Current law prohibits the operation of motorboats, including personal watercraft, in excess of slow-no-wake speed within 100 feet of any dock, raft, pier or buoyed restricted area on any lake. This bill increases this distance for personal watercraft to 200 feet. The bill also expands the areas where a person may not operate a personal watercraft in excess of slow-no-wake speed to include areas that are within 200 feet of a lake shoreline.

For further information see the *state and local* fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

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

Section 1. 30.66 (3) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

30.66 (3) (a) Except under s. 30.69 (3), no No person may operate a motorboat within 100 feet of any dock, raft, pier or buoyed restricted area on any lake at a speed in excess of slow-no-wake speed. This paragraph does not apply to personal watercraft.

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Section 2. 30.66 (3) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:
30.66 (3) (b) No person may operate a personal watercraft at a speed in excess
of slow-no-wake within 100 feet of any other boat. This paragraph does not apply
$if\ s.\ 30.69\ (3)\ (a),\ (c)\ or\ (d)\ applies\ to\ the\ operation\ of\ the\ personal\ watercraft\ \underline{or\ within}$
200 feet of any shoreline, dock, raft, pier or buoyed restricted area on any lake.
Section 3. 30.66 (3) (c) of the statutes is created to read:
30.66 (3) (c) Paragraphs (a) and (b) do not apply to operators of motorboats who
are in an area marked with regulatory markers and who are using the area for a
pickup or drop-off activity that is authorized in the area.
(END)