

By: Senator(s) Hall

To: Wildlife and
Fisheries

SENATE BILL NO. 2048

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 59-21-87, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO PROVIDE THAT NO OBSERVER SHALL BE REQUIRED IN A SKI BOAT
3 EQUIPPED WITH A WIDE ANGLE, REARVIEW MIRROR; AND FOR RELATED
4 PURPOSES.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

6 SECTION 1. Section 59-21-87, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
7 amended as follows:

8 59-21-87. (1) No person shall operate a motorboat on any
9 waters of this state while towing a person on water skis, or on an
10 aquaplane or similar device, without an observer in the boat in
11 addition to the operator. The observer shall be above ten (10)
12 years of age. This subsection does not apply to a motorboat
13 equipped with a wide angle, rearview mirror. * * * This
14 subsection does not apply to a person engaged in a professional
15 exhibition or a person participating in an official regatta,
16 motorboat race, marine parade, tournament or exhibition.

17 (2) No person shall operate or manipulate any motorboat, tow
18 rope or other device by which the direction or location of water
19 skis, aquaplane or similar device may be affected or controlled in
20 such a way as to cause the water skis, aquaplane or similar
21 device, or any person thereon, to collide or strike against any
22 object or person, except slalom buoys, ski jumps or like objects
23 used normally in competitive or recreational skiing.

24 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from
25 and after July 1, 1999.