

**HOUSE BILL NO. 1141  
with Senate Amendments  
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Introduced by

Representative Nathe

Senator Miller

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 20.1-13-10 of the North Dakota Century Code,  
2 relating to towing an individual on water skis or similar devices.

3 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

4 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 20.1-13-10 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
5 amended and reenacted as follows:

6 **20.1-13-10. Water skis and surfboard - Penalty.**

- 7 1. ~~No person~~An individual may not manipulate any water skis, surfboard, or similar  
8 device without wearing a life preserver approved by the department, unless the  
9 individual is sixteen years of age or older and engaged in windsurfing or boardsailing.
- 10 2. ~~No person~~Any time between one hour after sunset to one hour before sunrise, an  
11 individual may not operate a vessel on any waters of this state towing a ~~person or~~  
12 ~~persons~~an individual on water skis, a surfboard, or similar device, nor ~~may any person~~  
13 engage in water skiing, surfboarding, or similar activity ~~at any time between the hours~~  
14 ~~from one hour after sunset to one hour before sunrise.~~
- 15 3. ~~The provisions of subsections~~Subsections 1 and 2 do not apply to a performer  
16 engaged in a professional exhibition or a ~~person~~an individual engaged in an activity  
17 authorized under section 20.1-13-11, ~~and the provisions of subsection 1 do not apply~~  
18 ~~to a person sixteen years of age or older engaged in windsurfing or boardsailing.~~
- 19 4. ~~No person~~An individual may not operate or manipulate any vessel, towrope, or other  
20 device by which the direction or location of water skis, a surfboard, or similar device  
21 may be affected or controlled in ~~such~~ a way as to cause the water skis, surfboard, or  
22 similar device, or ~~any person thereon~~an individual on the same, to collide with or strike  
23 against any object or ~~person~~individual.

- 1           5. ~~No person~~An individual may not operate a vessel on any waters of this state towing a-
- 2           ~~person or persons~~an individual on water skis, a surfboard, or similar device unless
- 3           there is another ~~person~~individual in the towing vessel observing the ~~person or~~
- 4           ~~persons~~individual being towed or the vessel is not a personal watercraft and is
- 5           equipped with a mirror at least seventy-eight square inches [198.12 square
- 6           centimeters] that provides the operator an unobstructed wide field of vision to the rear.
- 7           However, this subsection does not apply to members of any organization regularly
- 8           staging water ski shows, tournaments, or exhibitions while engaged in the
- 9           performance of ~~such~~these shows, tournaments, or exhibitions. The department shall
- 10          adopt rules under section 20.1-13-11 to allow ~~such~~these organizations to practice in
- 11          preparation for ~~such~~these events, ~~as prescribed in section 20.1-13-11.~~
- 12          6. ~~Any person~~An individual who violates this section is guilty of a class 2 noncriminal
- 13          offense.