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**SENATE DRS65047-RW-13 (2/11)**

Short Title: Personal Watercraft Changes.

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Sponsors: Senators Stevens, and Rand.

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Referred to:

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO INCREASE THE MINIMUM AGE FOR PERSONS WHO MAY  
OPERATE PERSONAL WATERCRAFT IN THE STATE.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**SECTION 1.** G.S. 75A-13.3(b) reads as rewritten:

"(b) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, no person under 16 years of age shall operate a personal watercraft on the waters of this State, and it is unlawful for the owner of a personal watercraft or a person who has temporary or permanent responsibility for a person under the age of 16 to knowingly allow that person to operate a personal watercraft. A person of at least ~~12-14~~ years of age but under 16 years of ~~age~~ age, and persons at least 12 years of age by January 1, 2006, but under 16 years of age, may operate a personal watercraft on the waters of this State if:

- (1) The person is accompanied by a person of at least 18 years of age who physically occupies the watercraft; or
- (2) The person (i) possesses on his or her person while operating the watercraft, identification showing proof of age and a boater safety certification card issued by the Wildlife Resources Commission or proof of other satisfactory completion of a boating safety education course approved by the National Association of State Boating Law Administrators (NASBLA); and (ii) produces that identification and certification card upon the request of an officer of the Wildlife Resources Commission or local law enforcement agency."

**SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective January 1, 2006.