

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

1 State of Arkansas  
2 84th General Assembly  
3 Regular Session, 2003  
4

As Engrossed: S2/6/03 S2/10/03

# A Bill

Act 127 of 2003  
HOUSE BILL 1018

5 By: Representative Borhauer  
6  
7

## For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE § 27-101-203  
10 REGARDING THE REGULATION OF MOTORBOAT EQUIPMENT  
11 TO REQUIRE THE USE OF LANYARD-TYPE ENGINE CUTOFF  
12 SWITCHES IF THE BOAT IS SO EQUIPPED; AND FOR  
13 OTHER PURPOSES.  
14

### Subtitle

15 TO REQUIRE PERSONS OPERATING MOTORBOATS  
16 TO USE LANYARD-TYPE ENGINE CUTOFF  
17 SWITCHES IF THE BOAT IS SO EQUIPPED.  
18  
19  
20

21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
22

23 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 27-101-203, concerning the equipment  
24 requirements for motorboats, is amended to add the following new subsection:

25 (e)(1)(A) No person shall operate a motorboat equipped by the  
26 manufacturer with a lanyard-type engine cutoff switch while the engine is  
27 used to propel the boat without attaching the lanyard to the operator, the  
28 operator's clothing, or if worn to the operator's personal flotation device  
29 as appropriate for the specific vessel.

30 (B) However, if a motorboat equipped with a lanyard-type  
31 switch is a house boat, a pontoon boat, or is traveling less than five (5)  
32 miles per hour, the lanyard shall not be required to be attached to the  
33 operator, the operator's clothing, or to the operator's personal flotation  
34 device.

35 (2) As used in this subsection, "lanyard-type engine cutoff  
36 switch" means an emergency engine or motor shut-off switch that attaches by a



1 lanyard to the person operating the motorboat and the switch is constructed  
2 and installed in a manner so that when in use, if the operator falls  
3 overboard or is removed from the normal operating station of the boat, then  
4 the switch will immediately shut-off of the boat's engine or motor.

5 (3) This subsection (e) does not apply to flat bottomed boats  
6 operated on the tail waters of a trout fishery, nor to flat bottomed boats  
7 operated for duck hunting purposes during duck season.

8 /s/ Borhauer

9  
10  
11 APPROVED: 2/17/2003  
12  
13  
14  
15  
16  
17  
18  
19  
20  
21  
22  
23  
24  
25  
26  
27  
28  
29  
30  
31  
32  
33  
34  
35  
36