

1 **State of Arkansas**
2 **78th General Assembly**
3 **Regular Session, 1991**
4 **By: Representative Mitchell**

A Bill

HOUSE BILL

For An Act To Be Entitled

8 "AN ACT TO PLACE RESTRICTIONS ON THE USE OF JET SKIS ON
9 THE WATERS OF THIS STATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

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11 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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13 SECTION 1. As used in this act:

14 (1) "jet ski" means any watercraft which is propelled by machinery and
15 which only accommodates operators and no passengers;

16 (2) "waters of this state" means any public waters within the
17 territorial limits of the State of Arkansas.

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19 SECTION 2. (a) No person under fourteen (14) years of age may operate
20 any privately owned jet ski on the waters of this state.

21 (b) No person under sixteen (16) years of age may rent or operate any
22 rented jet ski on the waters of this state.

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24 SECTION 3. In order to protect the safety of all persons using the
25 waters of this state for recreation or other purposes, the following shall be
26 prohibited:

27 (1) the operation of a jet ski after sunset;

28 (2) following within one hundred and fifty feet (150') of a water-
29 skier;

30 (3) operating a jet ski above "no-wake" speed through floating
31 vegetation or within one hundred and fifty feet (150') of shoreline, docks,
32 swimmers or other watercraft;

33 (4) jumping another boat's wake within one hundred feet (100') of the
34 boat;

35 (5) operating a jet ski in coves less than one thousand feet (1000')

1 across; and

2 (6) operating a jet ski without a life vest.

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4 SECTION 4. Any person who violates any portion of this act shall, upon
5 conviction, be deemed guilty of a Class C misdemeanor.

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7 SECTION 5. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent nature
8 are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code
9 Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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11 SECTION 6. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to
12 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect
13 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without
14 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this
15 act are declared to be severable.

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17 SECTION 7. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are
18 hereby repealed.

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