

HOUSE BILL No. 1062

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 14-8-2; IC 14-15-3.

Synopsis: Wake boarding and wake surfing. Specifies restrictions that apply to wake boarding or wake surfing on a public freshwater lake. Establishes a penalty. Specifies restrictions that apply to wake boarding or wake surfing on a small lake.

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PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning natural and cultural resources.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. IC 14-8-2-222 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
2 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 222. "Public freshwater
3 lake", for purposes of **IC 14-15-3 and IC 14-26-2**, has the meaning set
4 forth in IC 14-26-2-3.

5 SECTION 2. IC 14-8-2-301.1 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
6 CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
7 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: **Sec. 301.1. "Wake boarding" means**
8 **to:**

- 9 (1) **use a short board with or without foot bindings on which**
10 **a rider is towed by a motorboat across a wake; or**
11 (2) **operate a motorboat that creates a wake and that tows or**
12 **is intended to tow a person who uses a short board with or**
13 **without foot bindings on which the person is towed by the**
14 **motorboat across the motorboat's wake.**

15 SECTION 3. IC 14-8-2-301.4 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
16 CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
17 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: **Sec. 301.4. "Wake surfing" means to:**



(1) surf a wake, regardless of whether the person is being pulled by a tow rope attached to the motorboat that is producing the wake; or

(2) operate a motorboat that creates a wake that is or is intended to be surfed by another person.

SECTION 4. IC 14-15-3-8.1 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: **Sec. 8.1. An individual shall not operate a motorboat on a public freshwater lake for the purpose of wake boarding or wake surfing during the period between sunset and sunrise.**

SECTION 5. IC 14-15-3-10 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: **Sec. 10. (a)** Subject to section 11 of this chapter, a person may not operate a motorboat upon a small lake at a speed greater than ten (10) miles per hour.

(b) An individual may not operate a motorboat upon a small lake while engaging in wake boarding or wake surfing unless it is during the time and day of a speed exemption granted for the small lake under section 11 of this chapter.

SECTION 6. IC 14-15-3-11.1 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: **Sec. 11.1. A rule adopted under section 11 of this chapter before July 1, 2026, applies to wake boarding and wake surfing.**

SECTION 7. IC 14-15-3-31, AS AMENDED BY P.L.195-2014, SECTION 5, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: **Sec. 31. (a)** A person who violates section 2, 3, 5, 7, 8, **8.1**, 9, 10, 14, 15, 16, 17, 20, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, or 30 of this chapter commits a Class C infraction.

(b) A person who knowingly or intentionally violates section 6 of this chapter commits a Class C misdemeanor.

