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## HOUSE BILL No. 1062

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DIGEST OF HB 1062 (Updated January 14, 2026 8:53 am - DI 140)

**Citations Affected:** IC 14-8; IC 14-15.

**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.

**Effective:** July 1, 2026.

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## **Abbott, Isa, Heine, Jackson C**

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December 5, 2025, read first time and referred to Committee on Natural Resources.  
January 14, 2026, reported — Do Pass.

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Second Regular Session of the 124th General Assembly (2026)

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.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2025 Regular Session of the General Assembly.

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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:**

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

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

6                   SECTION 4. IC 14-15-3-8.1 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE  
7                   AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY  
8                   1, 2026]: Sec. 8.1. **An individual shall not operate a motorboat on**  
9                   **a public freshwater lake for the purpose of wake boarding or wake**  
10                  **surfing during the period between sunset and sunrise.**

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

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

19                  SECTION 6. IC 14-15-3-11.1 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA  
20                  CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
21                  1, 2026]: Sec. 11.1. **A rule adopted under**  
22                  **section 11 of this chapter before July 1, 2026, applies to wake**  
23                  **boarding and wake surfing.**

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

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



COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Natural Resources, to which was referred House Bill 1062, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the House with the recommendation that said bill do pass.

(Reference is to HB 1062 as introduced.)

LINDAUER

Committee Vote: Yeas 12, Nays 0

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