

House Bill 1042

By: Representatives Lane of the 146th, Mosley of the 171st, Stokes of the 92nd and Keen of the 174th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 52-7-8 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 classification of vessels and required equipment, so as to provide for required lifesaving
3 equipment on certain vessels; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

5 **SECTION 1.**

6 Code Section 52-7-8 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to classification of
7 vessels and required equipment, is amended by striking in its entirety paragraph (1) of
8 subsection (d) and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

9 "(1) Every vessel shall be equipped with and carry aboard, at all times, at least one Type
10 I, II, III, or V (hybrid) personal flotation device for each person on board; provided,
11 however, Type V (hybrid) devices are acceptable only when worn and securely fastened.
12 In addition to the individual personal flotation device, each vessel, ~~except for personal~~
13 ~~watercraft, as such term is defined in subsection (a) of Code Section 52-7-8.2, 16 feet in~~
14 length, other than canoes; and kayaks, must at all times be equipped with at least one
15 Type IV (throwable) device."

16 **SECTION 2.**

17 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.