

The House Committee on Game, Fish and Parks offers the following substitute to HB 1042:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

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

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

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

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

SECTION 2.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.