

Senate Bill 99

By: Senator Grant of the 25th

**AS PASSED SENATE**

**A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT**

1 To amend Code Section 52-7-13 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to  
2 boating safety zones, restrictions on use of motors and operation of houseboats on certain  
3 lakes, and exceptions, so as to prohibit operation of certain vessels on Lake Sinclair; to  
4 provide for exceptions; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other  
5 purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Code Section 52-7-13 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to boating safety  
9 zones, restrictions on use of motors and operation of houseboats on certain lakes, and  
10 exceptions, is amended by revising subsection (h) as follows:

11 "(h) The operation of any of the following vessels on Lake Burton, Seed Lake, Lake  
12 Rabun, Lake Tugalo, Tallulah Falls Lake, Lake Sinclair, and Lake Yonah shall be  
13 prohibited:

- 14 (1) Any motorized vessel greater than 30 feet six inches in length; except for ~~law~~;  
15 (A) Law enforcement, scientific research, or dam operation and maintenance craft; or  
16 (B) Any vessel that was lawfully operated on Lake Sinclair immediately prior to the  
17 effective date of this subparagraph and was as of such date included on the tax roll of  
18 any county within which any part of such lake lies; or  
19 (2) Any vessel equipped with any type of bypass mechanism that reduces or eliminates  
20 the effectiveness of the muffler or baffler system required by Code Section 52-7-10."

21 **SECTION 2.**

22 This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law  
23 without such approval.

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**SECTION 3.**

25 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.