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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6536
BILL NUMBER: HB 1075

DATE PREPARED: Jan 21, 2000
BILL AMENDED: Jan 13, 2000

SUBJECT: Boating regulation.

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FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
DEDICATED
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: This bill requires boats to be equipped and operated with specific types of personal flotation devices. The bill reduces, from ten miles per hour to idle speed, the speed at which a motorboat may operate within a specified distance of the shoreline of a lake or channel of a lake. A maximum noise level is established at which motorboats may be operated. The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) may adopt rules concerning the establishment of zones where the use of water craft may be limited or prohibited and the regulation of water craft engaged in organized activities or tournaments.

Effective Date: July 1, 2000.

Explanation of State Expenditures: (Revised) If the DNR elects to adopt rules, the Department will incur expenses associated with adopting rules and notifying the public of the new rules. However, the Department should be able to absorb these expenses given its current budget.

A maximum noise level is established at which motorboats may be operated. All 215 conservation officers patrol the water and would need noise meters to determine noise levels. Noise meters cost approximately \$560 per unit. Total costs are estimated at \$120,000.

The funds and resources required above could be supplied through a variety of sources, including the following: (1) Existing resources not currently being used to capacity; (2) Existing resources currently being used in another program; (3) Funds that, otherwise, would be reverted; or (5) New appropriations. As of 12/99, the DNR had 1,522 authorized positions with 1,458 filled and 64 vacancies. Ultimately, the source of funds and resources required to satisfy the requirements of this bill will depend upon legislative and administrative actions.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: Department of Natural Resources

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources: