

As Amended by House Committee

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Session of 2021

SENATE BILL No. 142

By Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources

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1 AN ACT concerning wildlife, parks and recreation; relating to boating and  
2 water activities; requiring personal flotation devices as prescribed by  
3 the secretary of wildlife, parks and tourism in rules and regulations;  
4 amending K.S.A. 32-1129 and repealing the existing section.

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6 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

7 Section 1. K.S.A. 32-1129 is hereby amended to read as follows: 32-  
8 1129. (a) ~~The operator of every vessel shall require every~~ **(1) No**  
9 **operator of any vessel may operate such vessel while any** person 12 years  
10 of age or under ~~to wear~~ **is aboard or being towed by such vessel unless**  
11 **such person is either:**

12 **(A) Wearing** a United States coast-Guard approved type I, type II or  
13 ~~type III guard-approved~~ personal flotation device *as prescribed in rules*  
14 *and regulations of the secretary of wildlife, parks and tourism* ~~while~~  
15 ~~aboard or being towed by such vessel; or~~

16 **(B) is below decks or in an enclosed cabin.**

17 **(2)** A life belt or ring shall not satisfy the requirement of this section.

18 (b) Violation of subsection (a) shall constitute a class C misdemeanor.

19 Sec. 2. K.S.A. 32-1129 is hereby repealed.

20 Sec. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its  
21 publication in the ~~statute book~~ **Kansas register.**