



State of Wisconsin  
2023 - 2024 LEGISLATURE

LRB-5069/1  
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## 2023 BILL

1     **AN ACT** *to create* 30.68 (4) (c) of the statutes; **relating to:** the operation of a  
2     motorboat causing a hazardous wake.

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***Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau***

This bill restricts the operation of a motorboat causing a hazardous wake, which the bill defines as a boat wake the height of which is intentionally amplified through the use of ballast, boat design features, or operational procedures. The bill prohibits such operation on a lake smaller than 1,500 acres, and less than 700 feet from the shoreline or from any boat, swimmer, or other water user on a lake that is 1,500 acres or larger.

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***The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:***

3     **SECTION 1.** 30.68 (4) (c) of the statutes is created to read:  
4     30.68 (4) (c) 1. In this paragraph, “hazardous wake” means a boat wake the  
5     height of which is intentionally amplified through the use of ballast, boat design  
6     features, or operational procedures.  
7     2. On a lake that is smaller than 1,500 acres, no person may operate a  
8     motorboat causing a hazardous wake.

