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HB 115 - AS INTRODUCED

2021 SESSION

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HOUSE BILL 115

AN ACT relative to wake surfing.

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COMMITTEE: Resources, Recreation and Development

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Approved: July 23, 2021 Effective Date: September 21, 2021

Amendments

Energy and Natural Resources March 31, 2021 2021-1060s 11/05

Amendment to HB 115

Amend RSA 270-D:3, VII as inserted by section 2 of the bill by replacing it with the following:
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Sen Kevin Avard, Chair Sen Bob Giuda, Vice Chair Sen James Gray, Member Sen David Watters, Member Sen Rebecca Perkins Kwoka, Member

Date: March 22, 2021

HEARINGS

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1:30 p.m.	HB 99	relative to seasonal platforms on public waters	of the state.
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<u>Kevin A. Avard</u> Chairman

Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee Griffin Roberge 271-3042

HB 115, relative to wake surfing.

Hearing Date: March 29, 2021.

Time Opened:1:46 p.m.Time Closed:1:59 p.m.

Members of the Committee Present: Senators Avard, Giuda, Gray, Watters and Perkins Kwoka.

Members of the Committee Absent: None.

Bill Analysis: This bill defines and regulates "wake surfing."

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Who supports the bill: Scott Behner, USA Waterski and Wake Sports; Chris Bischoff, Water Sports Industry Association; Shane Carey; Captain Tim Dunleavy, NH Marine Patrol; Representative Sallie Fellows, Grafton - District 8; Jodi Grimbilas, NH Marine Trades Association and Water Sports Industry Association; Peter MacCallum, NH Marines Trades Association; David Packard, Lakes Management Advisory Committee; Pam Price; Representative Andrew Renzullo, Hillsborough - District 37; Representative Suzanne Smith, Grafton - District 8; Robin Vogt; Senator Ruth Ward, NH Senate District 8; John Whalley, NH Marine Trades Association.

Who opposes the bill: Curt Howland

Who is neutral on the bill: None.

Summary of testimony presented in support:

Representative Suzanne Smith

Grafton – District 8

- HB 115 closes several gaps in existing state statute so that wake surfers are subject to the same safety laws as other water sports that require a tow rope, such as waterskiing, wakeboarding, and tubing.
- In wake surfing, a surfer holds onto a very short tow rope, releases, and surfs five to ten feet behind a boat's wake. HB 115 does several things related to wake surfing:
 - o A spotter, or observer, is required to be on the boat watching the wake surfer.
 - o A motorboat operator who is towing a wake surfer must comply with all navigation rules.
 - No person shall operate a boat engaged in wake surfing during the period between sunset and sunrise.

- No person shall engage in wake surfing unless such person is wearing a Coast Guard approved personal flotation device.
- No person shall operate a motorboat propelled by an outboard motor, inboard/outboard motor, or water jet while a person is wake surfing in or on the wake of such motorboat, unless the propulsion system is specifically designed by the manufacturer for that activity.
 - Boats designed for wake surfing usually have V-Drive motors. These systems are not located at the rear of the boat, but underneath the middle of the boat. The propeller comes out under the hull in front of the transom. These systems significantly reduce the likelihood that a wake surfer will be injured by a boat's propeller if they fall.
- HB 115 was requested by the NH Marine Patrol. HB 115 was reviewed and unanimously approved by the Commission to Study Wake Boats (Commission), which was created via HB 137 (2019).
- HB 115 was recommended "ought to pass" by the House Resources, Recreation, and Development Committee by a vote of 19-1 and was placed on the House consent calendar. The full House supported the committee's recommendation by a voice vote.
- Senator Watters noted that wake boat issues had been before the Senate Transportation Committee in the past, such as HB 137. Senator Ruth Ward served on the Commission. He noted that the Commission thoroughly reviewed many of the wake boat issues that had come before the Senate Transportation Committee.
 - Representative Smith said she could not specifically speak to any previous bills that were before the Senate Transportation Committee regarding wake boat issues, but the Commission was very inclusive – it had three legislators, representatives from NH Marine Patrol and the NH Department of Environmental Services, and representatives from the water sports industry. The Commission also had a field trip to further understand wake boat issues.

Peter MacCallum – provided written testimony

President, NH Marine Trades Association & Owner, MacCallum's Boat House in Epsom, NH

- Served as the governor's appointee to the Commission.
- The Commission spent many months looking at issues related to wake sports and wake boats. The suggestion of improving the laws relative to wake surfing came from NH Marine Patrol and was met with unanimous support from the Commission.
- HB 115 will require wake surfers to follow the same regulations as other watersports like waterskiing and tubing.
- Senator Gray referenced page 2, lines 5-8. He said there was no propeller external to a water jet. He asked why water jets are included in the prohibition on the types of motors used in wake surfing.
 - Mr. MacCallum said that language was inserted by NH Marine Patrol in response to some issues with high jet nozzle pressure that could potentially impact a user. There are some jet boats that have some provisions as wake surf boats. The prohibition that Senator Gray referenced also clarified that an outboard motor, inboard/outboard motor, or water jet may be used if that system is specifically designed by the manufacturer for wake surfing.
- Senator Gray asked if changing "specifically designed" on page 2, line 7 to "approved" would be problematic.
 - Mr. MacCallum said he would not see any issue with that change, but that NH Marine Patrol could better address Senator Gray's question.

Tim Dunleavy

Captain, NH Marine Patrol

- Reiterated previous testimony in support of HB 115.
- Captain Dunleavy responded to Senator Gray's question about changing "specifically designed" to "approved" on page 2, line 7. Having a manufacturer's approval is not something that is likely recognized by industry. The National Marine Manufacturers Association would be the body that approves the different propulsion types for different devices. The Association's structure is set up in a way so that individual manufacturers are not acting on their own. There are industry level standards.
- Senator Gray said there are boats that create substantial wakes that are not specifically designed for wake surfing but could do so safely. Senator Gray did not want to exclude people.
 - Captain Dunleavy said boaters who use outboard motors, inboard/outboard motors, or jet pumps can create significant safety issues for wake surfers. NH Marine Patrol has seen a variety of serious injuries to wake surfers using jet pumps. Unless jet pumps have been altered or manufactured in a way to be specifically designed for wake surfing, jet pumps can cause as significant an injury as a

traditional propeller driven boat. Captain Dunleavy said he was not aware of any aftermarket attachments that could be installed on a drive configuration to better protect a wake surfer.

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Summary of testimony presented in opposition: None.

Neutral Information Presented: None.

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Date Hearing Report completed: March 29, 2021.

Speakers

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Senate Remote Testify

Energy and Natural Resources Committee Testify List for Bill HB115 on 2021-03-29 Support: 14 Oppose: 1 Neutral: 0 Total to Testify: 3

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Testimony

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Subject:	HB 99 and HB 115 - Lakes Management Advisory Committee Letters of Support
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	Surfing Senate ENR LMAC Support 20210329.pdf

Dear Chair Avard and Members of the Committee-

On behalf of the New Hampshire Lakes Management Advisory Committee (LMAC), attached are letters of support for House Bill 99, relative to seasonal platforms on public waters of the state, and House Bill 115, relative to wake surfing.

Please contact LMAC Chair David Packard at (603) 867-9299 or appliedforce52@gmail.com<mailto:appliedforce52@gmail.com> if you have any questions about this testimony.

Sincerely, Tracie Sales Staff to the Lakes Management Advisory Committee

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N.H. Lakes Management and Protection Program N.H. Lakes Management Advisory Committee

March 29, 2021

The Honorable Kevin Avard, Chair Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee State House Concord, NH 03301

RE: HB 115 - AN ACT relative to wake surfing.

Dear Chair Avard and Members of the Committee:

RSA 483-A established the New Hampshire Lakes Management and Protection Program and the Lakes Management Advisory Committee (LMAC) to complement and reinforce existing state and federal water quality laws. Within its responsibilities of advising the NHDES Commissioner and the department, the LMAC reviews and takes positions on legislation pertaining to New Hampshire lakes. The LMAC appreciates the opportunity to comment on House Bill 115.

At the meeting of the LMAC on January 11, 2021 the LMAC voted to support HB 115. This bill provides guidance to individuals who own wake boats and/or participate in the relatively new sport of wake surfing. Water skiing has a long history in New Hampshire – both as recreation and as a sport – but wake surfing or wakeboarding is a rather new addition to our lakes. As such, the Boating and Water Safety laws were inadequate to regulate the safety of the surfer and the responsibilities of the boat operator. This legislation recognizes that gap in the law and makes reasonable mandates.

The LMAC is a legislatively created body of stakeholders, in support of lakes, representing the NH Lakes Association, conservation commissions, scientific community, conservation community, planning boards, Business and Industry Association, tourism industry, state conservation committee, NH Municipal Association, fishing interests, NH Fish & Game Commission, NH Association of Realtors, Marine Trades Association, and several state agencies. Committee members are appointed by the Governor and Council or the head of the state agency and are charged with supporting the legislative intent of the Lakes Management and Protection Program.

In conclusion, the LMAC supports HB 115 for the reasons stated above. Thank you for the opportunity to comment. Should you have further questions about this letter, please feel free to contact me at (603) 867-9299 or <u>appliedforce52@gmail.com</u>.

Respectfully,

David Packard, Chair

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From:Jodi Grimbilas <jodi@jgstrategies.com>Sent:Monday, March 29, 2021 8:29 AMTo:Griffin RobergeSubject:Testimony for HB 115 this afternoonAttachments:Pete MacCallum testimony on HB 115 wake surfing for 3.29.2021.docx

HI Griffin –

Here is written testimony for Peter MacCallum, President of the NH Marine Trades Association, in support of HB 115. He plans to testify briefly this afternoon. We had a few people sign up in support (not to speak). Is there any opposition to the bill? There was no opposition in the House.

Let me know if you have any questions!

Jodi

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Testimony of Peter MacCallum, NH Marine Trades Association HB 115 – relative to wake surfing. Senate Energy & Natural Resources Committee

3/29/2021 at 1:45 pm

Good afternoon Mr. Chairman and Honorable members of the Committee.

For the record my name is Peter MacCallum. I am the owner of MacCallum's Boat House in Epsom on Northwood Lake. It is a family business that was started by my grandfather over 70 years ago. We are a full-service marine dealership.

I also serve as the new President of the NH Marine Trades Association. The NH Marine Trades Association is a trade association of marine industry business committed to recreational boating in New Hampshire. We support boating safety as a tenant of our organization and serve as stewards of our lakes in order to protect the environment and the health and beauty of New Hampshire's waters.

I am here to testify on behalf of the Association, as well as myself, in favor of HB 115, relative to wake surfing. I served on a legislative Commission called the "HB 137 Commission" as an appointee of the Governor, in my role as a member of the Northwood Lake Watershed Association, another lake protection group of which I am happy to be a member of. The HB 137 Commission was tasked with reviewing issues relative to "wake boats." Senator Ruth Ward was also a member of the Commission.

The HB 137 Commission spent many months looking at issues related to wake sports and wake boats. The suggestion of improving the laws relative to wake surfing came from Marine Patrol and it was met with unanimous support from the Commission members. This is common sense. We want folks who enjoy watersports to be safe. It requires the activity of wake surfing to follow the same regulations as other watersports – like waterskiing and tubing. HB 115 accomplishes the goal. We ask for your support of this legislation.

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Thank you and I'll answer any questions if you have them.

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Senate Energy & Natural Resources Committee EXECUTIVE SESSION RECORD 2021-2022 Session

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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

SENATE

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE FOR THE CONSENT CALENDAR

Monday, March 29, 2021

THE COMMITTEE ON Energy and Natural Resources

to which was referred HB 115

AN ACT

relative to wake surfing.

Having considered the same, the committee recommends that the Bill

OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT

BY A VOTE OF: 5-0

AMENDMENT # 1060s

Senator James Gray For the Committee

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Griffin Roberge 271-3042

FOR THE CONSENT CALENDAR

ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

HB 115, relative to wake surfing.

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Docket of HB115

Docket Abbreviations

Bill Title: relative to wake surfing.

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1/27/2021	н	Public Hearing: 02/03/2021 02:00 pm Members of the public may attend using the following link To join the webinar: https://www.zoom.us/j/92220129569 / Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day (time permitting) from the time the committee is initially convened.
2/11/2021	н	Committee Report: Ought to Pass (Vote 19-1; CC) HC 12 P. 11
2/24/2021	Н	Ought to Pass: MA VV 02/24/2021 HJ 3 P. 16
3/4/2021	S	Introduced 03/04/2021 and Referred to Energy and Natural Resources; SJ 7
3/23/2021	S	Remote Hearing: 03/29/2021, 01:45 pm; Links to join the hearing can be found in the Senate Calendar; SC 17
4/1/2021	S	Committee Report: Ought to Pass with Amendment #2021-1060s , 04/08/2021; Vote 5-0; CC; SC 18
4/8/2021	S	Committee Amendment #2021-1060s, RC 23Y-1N, AA; 04/08/2021; SJ 11
4/8/2021	S	Ought to Pass with Amendment 2021-1060s, RC 23Y-1N, MA; OT3rdg; 04/08/2021; SJ 11
6/10/2021	Н	House Concurs with Senate Amendment 2021-1060s (Rep. Renzullo): MA VV 06/10/2021
7/12/2021	S	Enrolled Adopted, VV, (In recess 06/24/2021); SJ 20
7/12/2021	н	Enrolled (in recess of) 06/24/2021
7/26/2021	н	Signed by Governor Sununu 07/23/2021; Chapter 129; Eff: 09/21/2021

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