

MILES-PER-HOUR-WHEN-TOWING-A-WATER-SKIER;--OTHERWISE-30-MILES--PER-HOUR, 1989 TO OCTOBER 15, 1989 IN EXCESS OF 40 MILES PER HOUR DURING THE FOLLOWING DAYS AND TIMES:

- (1) A SATURDAY;
- (2) A SUNDAY;
- (3) A STATE HOLIDAY; AND
- (4) ANY OTHER DAY FROM SUNDOWN TO SUNRISE.

(B) (1) A PERSON WHO VIOLATES ANY PROVISION OF THIS SECTION IS GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR AND ON CONVICTION IS SUBJECT TO A FINE NOT EXCEEDING \$1,000 OR IMPRISONMENT NOT EXCEEDING 30 DAYS OR BOTH:

(I) FOR THE FIRST OFFENSE, \$500; AND

(II) FOR THE SECOND OFFENSE, \$1,000 OR IMPRISONMENT NOT EXCEEDING 30 DAYS OR BOTH.

(2) PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION DOES NOT LIMIT OR SUPERSEDE ANY OTHER PENALTY THAT MAY BE IMPOSED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE FOR A VIOLATION OF ANY OTHER LAW OR REGULATION ADOPTED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE.

(C) THIS SECTION MAY NOT BE CONSTRUED TO AFFECT THE DEPARTMENT'S AUTHORITY:

(1) TO ADOPT REGULATIONS CONCERNING THE SUBJECT MATTER OF THIS SECTION; OR

(2) TO SET SPEED LIMITS ON CREEKS, BAYS, COVES, AND TRIBUTARIES OF THE SEVERN RIVER.

(D) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL DEVELOP AN INFORMATIONAL PROGRAM TO ASSIST BOATERS IN COMPLYING WITH THE SPEED LIMITS IMPOSED BY THIS SECTION, INCLUDING PUBLIC EDUCATION, A PHASE-IN PERIOD FOR ENFORCEMENT, AND INFORMATION TO ASSIST BOATERS IN CONVERTING TACHOMETER OR KNOT METER READINGS TO SPEEDOMETER READINGS IN MILES PER HOUR.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 17, 1989 is an emergency measure, is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health and safety, has been passed by a yea and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all the members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, and shall take effect from the date it is enacted.

Approved May 25, 1989.