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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to vessels towing persons on water skis,  
2 surfboards, or similar devices and providing penalties.  
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 462A.15, subsection 1, Code 2005, is  
2 amended to read as follows:

3 1. a. No A person shall not operate a vessel on any  
4 waters of this state under the jurisdiction of the commission  
5 for-towing and tow a person or persons on water skis, a  
6 surfboard, or a similar device unless there-is-in-such-vessel  
7 a responsible person, in addition to the operator, is in the  
8 vessel in a position to-observe observing the progress of the  
9 person or persons being towed.

10 b. If a person being towed by a vessel on water skis, a  
11 surfboard, or a similar device falls into the water, the  
12 operator shall ensure that the responsible person raises a red  
13 or orange flag to alert other vessels that a person is in the  
14 water, until the person is removed from the water or is again  
15 being towed.

16 EXPLANATION

17 This bill provides that if a person being towed by a vessel  
18 on water skis, a surfboard, or a similar device falls into the  
19 water, the operator of the vessel must ensure that a  
20 responsible person, who is not the operator, raises a red or  
21 orange flag to alert other vessels that a person is in the  
22 water, until the person is removed from the water or is again  
23 being towed.

24 A person who violates this provision is subject to a  
25 scheduled fine of \$25.

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