

# House Bill 2078

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## SUMMARY

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Modifies laws related to boating safety education.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to boating safety education; amending ORS 830.084, 830.086, 830.088, 830.090, 830.092 and  
3 830.094.

4 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

5 **SECTION 1.** ORS 830.084 is amended to read:

6 830.084. In establishing the mandatory boating safety education program pursuant to ORS  
7 830.082, the State Marine Board shall:

8 (1) Set a minimum standard of boating safety education competency. The **minimum competency**  
9 standard shall be consistent with the applicable standard established **or approved** by the National  
10 Association of State Boating Law Administrators. The board **by rule** may update the minimum  
11 **competency** standard [*of competency*] as necessary.

12 (2) Create a boating safety course [*of instruction*] and examination designed to educate and test  
13 for the minimum **competency** standard [*of safety*] established pursuant to subsection (1) of this sec-  
14 tion.

15 (3) Create an equivalency exam that may substitute for taking the boating safety course.

16 (4) Incorporate volunteer boating safety education programs to the maximum extent possible.

17 (5) Allow use of commercially provided boating safety courses, provided [*they*] **the courses** meet  
18 the standard adopted by the board.

19 (6) Accept proof of prior completion of any approved boating safety course as meeting the re-  
20 quirement for a boating safety course.

21 (7) Establish a fee for the boating safety [*certificate*] **education card** issued under ORS 830.086  
22 that may not exceed \$10.

23 [*(8) Establish a temporary boating safety certificate that is valid for 60 days and issued in con-*  
24 *junction with a temporary certificate of number for newly acquired boats.*]

25 [(9)] (8) Promote the fact that insurance discounts of 10 percent to 15 percent are widely avail-  
26 able for taking a boating safety course that meets the minimum **competency** standard established  
27 pursuant to subsection (1) of this section.

28 **SECTION 2.** ORS 830.092 is amended to read:

29 830.092. A boating safety [*certificate*] **education card** is not required if a person:

30 (1) Is at least 16 years of age and rents a motorboat with an engine greater than 10 horsepower  
31 and completes a required dockside safety checklist before operating the boat;

**NOTE:** Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1 (2) Possesses a current commercial fishing license as required by ORS 508.235 **and is engaged**  
2 **in commercial fishing;**

3 (3) Possesses a valid United States Coast Guard commercial motorboat operator's license; **or**

4 [(4) *Is not a resident of this state and does not operate a boat with an engine greater than 10*  
5 *horsepower in Oregon waters for more than 60 consecutive days;*]

6 [(5)] (4) Is not a resident of this state, holds a [*current out-of-state*] boating safety [*certificate*]  
7 **education card approved by the National Association of State Boating Law Administrators**  
8 and has the [*out-of-state certificate*] **card** in the person's possession.[;]

9 [(6) *Holds a temporary certificate as described under ORS 830.084; or*]

10 [(7) *Is not yet required to have a certificate under the phase-in program developed by the State*  
11 *Marine Board pursuant to section 9, chapter 716, Oregon Laws 1999.*]

12 **SECTION 3.** ORS 830.086 is amended to read:

13 830.086. A person may obtain a boating safety [*certificate*] **education card** if the person:

14 (1) Is at least 12 years of age;

15 (2) Passes the boating safety course and examination **described in ORS 830.084 (2)**, or the  
16 equivalency exam[, *as*] described in ORS 830.084 (3), or submits proof to the satisfaction of the State  
17 Marine Board that the person has taken a **boating safety** course that is substantively equivalent  
18 to the **boating safety** course described in ORS 830.084; and

19 (3) Pays the fee required by the board.

20 **SECTION 4.** ORS 830.088 is amended to read:

21 830.088. A person 12 to 15 years of age [*with*] **who has obtained** a boating safety [*certificate*]  
22 **education card** may operate a motorboat with an engine of 10 horsepower or less. In addition, a  
23 person 12 to 15 years of age [*with*] **who has obtained** a boating safety [*certificate*] **education card**  
24 may operate a motorboat with an engine greater than 10 horsepower if accompanied by and under  
25 the direct supervision of a parent, guardian or responsible person 16 years of age or older who  
26 [*possesses*] **has obtained** a boating safety [*certificate*] **education card**.

27 **SECTION 5.** ORS 830.090 is amended to read:

28 830.090. A person may operate a motorboat with an engine greater than 10 horsepower if the  
29 person:

30 (1)(a) Is at least 16 years of age; and

31 (b) Obtains a boating safety [*certificate*] **education card** pursuant to ORS 830.086; or

32 (2) Is accompanied by and under the direct supervision of a person 16 years of age or older who  
33 has obtained a boating safety [*certificate*] **education card** pursuant to ORS 830.086.

34 **SECTION 6.** ORS 830.094 is amended to read:

35 830.094. A person [*shall carry a boating safety certificate on the boat while*] operating a  
36 motorboat[, *as required,*] **shall carry the person's boating safety education card on the boat** and  
37 shall present the [*certificate*] **card** to a peace officer upon request by the peace officer.

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