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DIGEST

Temporarily modifies 312 IAC 5 that governs the operation of watercraft on public waters. Adds the portion of the Wabash River that forms a border with Illinois and the Great Miami River to “waters of concurrent jurisdiction”. Requires children under age 13 to wear personal flotation devices (sometimes called “life preservers”) on waters of concurrent jurisdiction in order to conform with U.S. Coast Guard regulations. Effective March 1, 2003.

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding 312 IAC 5-2-47, “waters of concurrent jurisdiction” refers to the following waters within Indiana:

- (1) Lake Michigan.**
- (2) Ohio River.**
- (3) Wabash River where it forms the boundary between Indiana and Illinois.**
- (4) Great Miami River.**

SECTION 2. A person must not use a recreational watercraft on waters of concurrent jurisdiction unless each child on-board under thirteen (13) years old is wearing an appropriate personal flotation device approved by the U.S. Coast Guard, except where:

- (1) the child is below deck;**
- (2) the child is in an enclosed cabin; or**
- (3) the watercraft is docked or at anchor.**

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