

As Introduced

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**Representatives Hillyer, Dean
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A BILL

To amend section 1547.15 of the Revised Code to
allow an operator of a vessel to use a rearview
mirror to observe water skiers, barefoot skiers,
and others who are being towed by the vessel as
an alternative to having an additional person in
the vessel for observation purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. That section 1547.15 of the Revised Code be
amended to read as follows:

Sec. 1547.15. Any person who operates a vessel towing any
person riding or attempting to ride upon one or more water skis
or upon a surfboard or similar device, or engaging or attempting
to engage in barefoot skiing, on the waters in this state shall
have present in the vessel a one or both of the following:

(A) A person or persons other than the operator, ten years
of age or older, who shall at all times observe the progress of
the person being towed;

(B) A rearview mirror that provides a wide field of vision
to the rear that is mounted so that the operator can observe the

activities of the person being towed. ~~The~~ 19

The operator of the towing vessel shall at all times 20
observe the traffic pattern toward which the vessel is 21
approaching. 22

No person shall operate or permit to be operated any 23
vessel on the waters in this state in violation of this section. 24

Section 2. That existing section 1547.15 of the Revised 25
Code is hereby repealed. 26