

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA**

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**HOUSE BILL 862**

Short Title: Lake Norman Boating Safety/Fees.

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Sponsors: Representatives Earle; Buchanan and Saunders (Primary Sponsors).

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Referred to: Finance.

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April 1, 1999

**A BILL TO BE ENTITLED**

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2 **AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE LAKE NORMAN MARINE COMMISSION TO**  
3 **DEVELOP A BOATING SAFETY EDUCATION PROGRAM AND TO**  
4 **AUTHORIZE THE COMMISSION TO COLLECT FEES TO IMPLEMENT THE**  
5 **PROGRAM.**

6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

7       Section 1. The Lake Norman Marine Commission, created by Chapter 1089 of  
8 the 1969 Session Laws as amended, may develop and begin implementation of a boating  
9 safety education program and a comprehensive boating law enforcement program for  
10 boaters on Lake Norman. In order to fund the development and implementation of these  
11 programs, the Commission may require all power boats using the waters of Lake Norman  
12 to display a sticker or decal issued by the Commission to the boat owner for a fee of up to  
13 twenty-five dollars (\$25.00), renewable annually. For purposes of this section, the term  
14 "power boat" includes motorboats, personal watercraft, and other motorized vessels as  
15 identified by the Commission.

16       The boating safety education program developed by the Commission should  
17 provide for the implementation of mandatory boating safety education on Lake Norman  
18 and may provide for the licensing of boaters on Lake Norman if the Commission  
19 determines that to be a necessary and feasible goal. The comprehensive boating law  
20 enforcement program should address improvements in the enforcement of existing

1 boating laws. The Commission shall consult with the Wildlife Resources Commission,  
2 the Lake Norman Power Squadron, and the Coast Guard Auxiliary in developing these  
3 programs and should coordinate plans for the administration and enforcement of the  
4 programs with the Wildlife Resources Commission.

5           Section 2. The Lake Norman Marine Commission shall report to the 2000  
6 Regular Session of the 1999 General Assembly on the development and implementation  
7 of the boating safety education program and the comprehensive boating law enforcement  
8 program authorized by this act. The report shall explain the operation of the programs  
9 and any legislation necessary to provide for full implementation and enforcement of these  
10 programs. The Commission shall report by the convening of the 2001 General Assembly  
11 on whether it intends to implement a program for licensing of boaters on Lake Norman.

12           Section 3. This act is effective when it becomes law.