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2 Introduced by Senator White
3 Referred to Committee on
4 Date:
5 Subject: Motor vehicles; vessels; equipment; personal flotation devices; cold
6 weather
7 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to require all
8 individuals on board a vessel between November 1 and May 1 to wear a
9 personal flotation device.

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(4) Cold weather. On or before May 1 of each year and on or after

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November 1 of each year, all individuals aboard a vessel, while under way and

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the individual is on an open deck, shall wear a properly secured wearable U.S.

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Coast Guard-approved personal flotation device as intended by the

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manufacturer.

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(5) Inspected commercial vessels. U.S. Coast Guard-inspected

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commercial vessels shall be exempt from the provisions of this subsection.

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Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

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This act shall take effect on July 1, 2026.