H. 283 An act relating to the delegation and authority to regulate use of state waters

Representative Leanne Harple Orleans-4 *Albany, Craftsbury, Glover and Greensboro* Goal: To protect small inland lakes from environmental and safety threats posed by wake boats and wake sports by establishing municipal prohibition to preserve ecological health, public safety, and responsible community use of local lakes



Environmental & Community Impact

- Wake boats churn deep sediments → threaten native plant and fish species
- Ballast tanks spread invasive species
 (e.g., zebra mussel larvae and Eurasian milfoil)
- Shoreline erosion and water clarity degradation

Ecological Protections Are Needed!



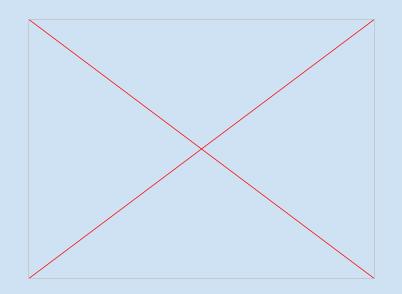




Wildlife Safety

- Disrupts nesting loons, geese, and other waterfowl
- Undermines years of wildlife protection and conservation





Community Use & Safety

Small residential lakes are used for:

- Children's camps
- Kayaking, paddleboarding, swimming



Increased wake size = Increased risk for recreational users, especially children







Please Support H.283 Because...

It protects Vermont's rural character and small lakes
 It balances recreation with conservation
 It listens to local voices

It listens to local voices and values

V It creates a thoughtful, enforceable framework for wake boat regulation

