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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY
JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2024

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RELATING TO WATERS AND NAVIGATION -- PERSONAL WATERCRAFT SAFETY

Introduced By: Representatives J. Brien, Solomon, Chippendale, Noret, and Baginski

Date Introduced: March 01, 2024

Referred To: House Judiciary

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 46-27-4 of the General Laws in Chapter 46-27 entitled "Personal
2 Watercraft Safety Act" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **46-27-4. Penalties.**

4 Any person who violates any provision of this chapter or who violates any rule or
5 regulation promulgated hereunder, shall be guilty of a ~~misdemeanor~~ violation and shall be subject
6 to a fine not to exceed ~~five hundred dollars (\$500), or imprisonment not to exceed six (6) months~~
7 two hundred fifty dollars (\$250), for each such violation.

8 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION
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- 1 This act would amend the penalty for violating the provisions of the personal watercraft
- 2 safety act from a misdemeanor to a violation and reduce the fine from five hundred dollars (\$500)
- 3 to a fine of two hundred fifty dollars (\$250).
- 4 This act would take effect upon passage.

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