

1 HB467  
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8 SYNOPSIS: This bill would require operators of  
9 certain larger size boats to operate at idle when  
10 traveling within 100 yards of an inland shoreline,  
11 pier, or boathouse on inland waterways within 100  
12 miles north of the coastline of the Gulf of Mexico,  
13 excluding the Tenn-Tom Waterway and the  
14 Intercoastal Waterway, and within areas on the  
15 Alabama River that are within three miles of the  
16 city limits of Montgomery, Alabama.

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18 A BILL  
19 TO BE ENTITLED  
20 AN ACT

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22 Relating to boat operation on inland waters, rivers,  
23 and streams within 100 miles north of the Gulf of Mexico  
24 coastline, excluding the Tenn-Tom Waterway and the  
25 Intercoastal Waterway, and within areas on the Alabama River  
26 that are within three miles of the city limits of Montgomery,  
27 Alabama; to require operators of recreational boats that are

1 over 28 feet in length to reduce their speed to idle when  
2 within 100 yards of any shoreline, boathouse, or pier on  
3 inland waters.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

5 Section 1. (a) This bill shall apply to the  
6 operation of certain recreational boats in inland waterways,  
7 rivers, and streams that are within 100 miles north of the  
8 Gulf of Mexico shoreline, excluding the Tenn-Tom Waterway and  
9 Intercoastal Waterway, and to areas on the Alabama River that  
10 are located within three miles of the city limits of  
11 Montgomery, Alabama.

12 (b) This bill shall not apply to the operation and  
13 traffic of commercial boats and vessels.

14 Section 2. Operators of recreational boats over 28  
15 feet in length traveling on inland waterways, rivers, and  
16 streams in those applicable areas described in subsection (a)  
17 of Section 1 shall reduce the speed of their boats to idle  
18 whenever a boat is traveling within 100 yards of any  
19 shoreline, boathouse, or pier.

20 Section 3. This act shall become effective  
21 immediately following its passage and approval by the  
22 Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.