



General Assembly

February Session, 2026

Raised Bill No. 5273

LCO No. 1659



Referred to Committee on COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN

Introduced by:
(KID)

AN ACT REQUIRING CHILDREN UNDER THE AGE OF TWELVE TO WEAR PERSONAL FLOTATION DEVICES ON DOCKS, WHARFS AND PIERS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2026*) Notwithstanding the
2 provisions of any special act, municipal charter or home rule ordinance,
3 any child under the age of twelve shall wear a personal flotation device
4 while on any public dock, wharf or pier in the state. As used in this
5 section, "personal flotation device" has the same meaning as provided
6 in 33 CFR 175.13, as amended from time to time.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	New section
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Statement of Purpose:

To require children under the age of twelve to wear personal flotation devices while on any dock, wharf or pier.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]