

# Senate Bill 551

Sponsored by Senator PROZANSKI (at the request of Lane County Commissioner Bill Dwyer)

## SUMMARY

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Requires all boats that carry passengers for hire to require each person on board to wear personal flotation device when crossing ocean sand bar or other obstacle that exists between open sea and harbor entrance.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to personal flotation devices; amending ORS 830.215.

3 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

4 **SECTION 1.** ORS 830.215 is amended to read:

5 830.215. (1) All boats shall carry at least one United States Coast Guard approved personal  
6 flotation device in good and serviceable condition for each person on board. Each device shall be  
7 of an appropriate size for the person for whom it is intended and shall be readily accessible when-  
8 ever the boat is in use. As used in this subsection, a personal flotation device is not "readily ac-  
9 cessible" if it is stowed in a locked compartment or locker or is otherwise not immediately,  
10 physically available to persons on board the boat in case of an emergency.

11 **(2) All boats that carry passengers for hire shall require each person on board to wear**  
12 **the personal flotation device required by this section when crossing an ocean sand bar or**  
13 **other obstacle that exists between the open sea and a harbor entrance.**

14 [(2)] (3) The State Marine Board by regulation will classify types of devices and specify which  
15 types are approved for various classes of vessels. The regulations will be consistent with, but shall  
16 not exceed those regulations promulgated by the United States Coast Guard.

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**NOTE:** Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.