

 <b>KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Legislative Bill</b>	<b>Red   Bill # SB 49</b>						
	<b>Referred to Committee: Senate 4</b>						
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<b>City:</b> Louisville							

1 An act requiring a watercraft to display a warning flag while towing people in the water.

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3 **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**

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5 Section 1: The purpose of this bill is to amend current KRS 235.285 and aim to reduce fatalities and  
6 injuries while engaging in water activities involving a personal watercraft on public and private waterways.  
7 It requires a watercraft such as a boat or jet ski, that is a minimum of 100 feet from a dock or shore, and  
8 has passengers in the water, to display a brightly colored orange flag warning other watercraft that there  
9 are people in the water.

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11 Section 2: In Kentucky, there are approximately 50 lakes and public waterways, with thousands of people  
12 participating in water activities. In 2012, there were 4,515 boating accidents in the United States, of  
13 which 615 resulted in deaths and 55 of them were caused by a person being struck by a watercraft. There  
14 were 319 injuries associated with people being hit by a watercraft.

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16 Section 3: This bill will take effect for any watercraft with a person/persons being towed or are in the  
17 water.

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19 Section 4: It will take effect on January 1, 2015. The operator of the watercraft shall display a  
20 rectangular brilliant orange flag at least 12 x 12 inches at all times when a person/persons are being towed  
21 or are in the water. The flag must be mounted on a pole not less than 24 inches long and visibly displayed  
22 to be seen from every direction.

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24 Section 5: This law will be enforced by the Kentucky Department of Wildlife.

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26 Section 6: If a watercraft is found to be out of compliance with the flag regulation, there will be a fine on the  
27 owner of the watercraft.

28 First offense: Fine of \$75

29 Second offense: Fine of \$150

30 Third offense: Boating registration will be revoked.

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32 Section 7: The expense of this bill will be the responsibility of the owner of the watercraft.

33 Section 8: Upon passage, the above date will become law.