

SENATE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 1246

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MARCH 18, 2010

The Senate Transportation Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 1246.

This bill would amend current law to allow a person under the age of 16 but at least 13 years of age to operate a power vessel while competing in an authorized race. The person would be required to possess a certificate certifying the person's successful completion of a boat safety course, or in the case of an out-of-state resident or resident of a foreign country, proof of successful completion of a boat safety course. Under the provisions of the bill, the race would have to be sponsored by a duly incorporated yacht club or racing association conducted under the rules of a national boat racing association and held in accordance with rules and regulations prescribed by the New Jersey Boat Regulation Commission in consultation with the Division of State Police. Additionally, the yacht club or racing association would have to receive a permit from the State Police in order to conduct the race, which permit may include limitations on age, vessel type and horsepower.