



General Assembly

February Session, 2026

Raised Bill No. 371

LCO No. 1745



Referred to Committee on PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY

Introduced by:
(PS)

**AN ACT ESTABLISHING A PERSONAL FLOTATION DEVICE
REQUIREMENT FOR CHILDREN UNDER THE AGE OF TWELVE
WHILE ON PUBLIC DOCKS, WHARVES 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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PS *Joint Favorable*