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**OLR Bill Analysis**

**HB 5273**

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

**SUMMARY**

This bill requires all children under 12 years old to wear a personal flotation device while on any public dock, wharf, or pier in the state. The bill specifies that this requirement applies regardless of any existing special act, municipal charter, or home rule ordinance provisions.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2026

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Committee on Children

Joint Favorable

Yea 15    Nay 2    (03/03/2026)