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HOUSE BILL 977

Short Title: City/County Req. Life Preserver.

(Public)

Sponsors: House Local & Regional Government II Committee.

Referred to: Local and Regional Government II.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE CITIES AND COUNTIES TO REQUIRE LIFE PRESERVERS IN ALL VESSELS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. Chapter 153A of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new section to read:

**"§ 153A-142. Life preservers.**

A county may by ordinance require every vessel to carry at least one life preserver, in accordance with the provisions of G.S. 75A-6."

Sec. 2. Chapter 160A of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new section to read:

**"§ 160A-198. Life preservers.**

A city may by ordinance require every vessel to carry at least one life preserver, in accordance with the provisions of G.S. 75A-6."

Sec. 3. G.S. 75A-6(f) is rewritten to read:

"(f) Every motorboat shall carry at least one life preserver, or life belt, or ring buoy, or other device of the sort prescribed by the regulations of the Wildlife Resources Commission for each person on board, so placed as to be readily accessible: Provided, that every motorboat carrying passengers for hire shall carry so placed as to be readily accessible at least one life preserver of the sort prescribed by the regulations of the

1 Commission for each person on board. A county, as authorized in G.S. 153A-142, or a  
2 city, as authorized in G.S. 160A-198, may, by ordinance, require every vessel to comply  
3 with the provisions of this section."

4           Sec. 4. This act is effective upon ratification.