

86B.302 WATERCRAFT OPERATOR'S PERMIT.

Subdivision 1. **Generally.** The commissioner must issue a watercraft operator's permit to a person 12 years of age or older who successfully completes a water safety course and written test according to section 86B.304, paragraph (a), or who provides proof of completing a program subject to a reciprocity agreement or certified by the commissioner as substantially similar.

Subd. 2. **Issuing permit to certain young operators.** The commissioner may issue a permit under this section to a person who is at least 11 years of age, but the permit is not valid until the person becomes an adult operator.

Subd. 3. **Personal possession required.** (a) A person who is required to have a watercraft operator's permit must have in personal possession:

- (1) a valid watercraft operator's permit;
 - (2) a driver's license that has a valid watercraft operator's permit indicator issued under section 171.07, subdivision 20; or
 - (3) an identification card that has a valid watercraft operator's permit indicator issued under section 171.07, subdivision 20.
- (b) A person who is required to have a watercraft operator's permit must display one of the documents described in paragraph (a) to a conservation officer or peace officer upon request.

Subd. 4. **Using electronic device to display proof of permit.** If a person uses an electronic device to display a document described in subdivision 3 to a conservation officer or peace officer:

- (1) the officer is immune from liability for any damage to the device, unless the officer does not exercise due care in handling the device; and
- (2) this does not constitute consent for the officer to access other contents on the device.

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