

**SENATE
STATE OF MINNESOTA
NINETY-THIRD SESSION**

S.F. No. 3651

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02/15/2024	11592	Introduction and first reading Referred to Environment, Climate, and Legacy

1.1 A bill for an act

1.2 relating to water safety; requiring life jackets to be worn October through April

1.3 on certain watercraft; amending Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 86B.501, by

1.4 adding a subdivision.

1.5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 86B.501, is amended by adding a subdivision

1.7 to read:

1.8 Subd. 5. **Life jacket required; October through April.** From October 1 through April

1.9 30, a person must wear a personal flotation device, as prescribed by the commissioner under

1.10 subdivision 1, while underway or at anchor on watercraft less than 21 feet in length. This

1.11 subdivision does not apply to sailboards.