

**86B.30 DEFINITIONS.**

Subdivision 1. **Applicability.** The definitions in this section apply to sections 86B.30 to 86B.341.

Subd. 2. **Accompanying operator.** "Accompanying operator" means a person 21 years of age or older who:

- (1) is in a personal watercraft or other type of motorboat;
- (2) is within immediate reach of the controls of the motor; and
- (3) possesses a valid operator's permit or is an exempt operator.

Subd. 3. **Adult operator.** "Adult operator" means a motorboat operator, including a personal watercraft operator, who is 12 years of age or older and who was:

- (1) effective July 1, 2025, born on or after July 1, 2004;
- (2) effective July 1, 2026, born on or after July 1, 2000;
- (3) effective July 1, 2027, born on or after July 1, 1996; and
- (4) effective July 1, 2028, born on or after July 1, 1987.

Subd. 4. **Exempt operator.** "Exempt operator" means a motorboat operator, including a personal watercraft operator, who is 12 years of age or older and who:

(1) possesses a valid license to operate a motorboat issued for maritime personnel by the United States Coast Guard under Code of Federal Regulations, title 46, part 10, or a marine certificate issued by the Canadian government;

(2) is not a resident of the state, is temporarily using the waters of the state for a period not to exceed 60 days, and:

- (i) meets any applicable requirements of the state or country of residency; or
- (ii) possesses a Canadian pleasure craft operator's card;
- (3) is operating a motorboat under a dealer's license according to section 86B.405; or
- (4) is operating a motorboat during an emergency.

Subd. 5. **Motorboat rental business.** "Motorboat rental business" means a person engaged in the business of renting or leasing motorboats, including personal watercraft, for a period not exceeding 30 days. Motorboat rental business includes a person's agents and employees but does not include a resort business.

Subd. 6. **Resort business.** "Resort business" means a person that is engaged in the business of providing lodging and recreational services to transient guests and that is classified as a resort under section 273.13, subdivision 22 or 25. A resort business includes a person's agents and employees.

Subd. 7. **Young operator.** "Young operator" means a motorboat operator, including a personal watercraft operator, younger than 12 years of age.

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**NOTE:** This section, as added by Laws 2023, chapter 60, article 4, section 23, is effective July 1, 2025. Laws 2023, chapter 60, article 4, section 23, the effective date.