

DNR reminds boaters about 'wake surfing'

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SENECA — The South Carolina Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is reminding lake-goers of a new state law that tries to help protect people and structures from large wakes created by water sports.

The new law prohibits "wake surfing" on all state waters within 200 feet of a dock, a person in the water or an anchored watercraft, the agency said in a release. Wake



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The South Carolina General Assembly approved a law this year prohibiting wake surfing within 200 feet of a dock, a person in the water or an anchored watercraft.

surfing is defined as operating "a vessel that is ballasted in the stern as to create a wake that is, or is intended to be, surfed by another person."

"The new law comes amid increasing popularity in the activity as law enforcement and policymakers looked for ways to keep people and property safe," DNR said in a release.

Violating the law is a misdemeanor and punishable by fines of about \$100-\$600, depending on jurisdiction.