



# HOUSE BILL 183: Lake Glenville/Restrict Wake Surfing.

2025-2026 General Assembly

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**Committee:** House State and Local Government. If **Date:** April 1, 2025  
favorable, re-refer to Judiciary 3. If favorable,  
re-refer to Rules, Calendar, and Operations of  
the House

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**OVERVIEW:** *House Bill 183 would make wake surfing on the waters of Lake Glenville in Jackson County within 500 feet of the shoreline or any structure, moored vessel, kayak, canoe, paddleboard, or swimmer a Class 1 misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not less than \$100 in addition to any other punishment prescribed for that offense.*

[As introduced, this bill was identical to S146, as introduced by Sen. Corbin, which is currently in Senate Rules and Operations.]

**BILL ANALYSIS:** House Bill 183 would make wake surfing on the waters of Lake Glenville in Jackson County within 500 feet of the shoreline or any structure, moored vessel, kayak, canoe, paddleboard, or swimmer a Class 1 misdemeanor. Wake surfing would be defined as the operation of a motorboat to which weight has been added in the stern via water-filled tanks or other ballasts for the purpose of creating an artificially enlarged wake that is or is intended to be surfed on by another person towed behind the motorboat.

The offense would be enforceable by law enforcement officers of the Wildlife Resources Commission, sheriffs, deputy sheriffs, and other peace officers with general subject matter jurisdiction and punishable by a fine of not less than \$100 in addition to any other punishment prescribed for the offense.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** This bill would become effective on October 1, 2025, and would apply to offenses committed on or after that date.

**BACKGROUND:** The General Assembly has enacted legislation to declare no-wake zones on several North Carolina lakes and made violation punishable by a misdemeanor: S.L. 1989-253 (Lake Adger, Polk County; Lake Wylie, Mecklenburg County), S.L. 1997-129 (Lake Norman, Catawba, Iredell, Lincoln, and Mecklenburg County), S.L. 2002-23 (High Rock Lake, Rowan County).

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