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SYNOPSIS

Allows use of stand-up paddleboards for fishing on lakes in wildlife management areas.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



1 AN ACT concerning use of stand-up paddleboards on lakes in
2 wildlife management areas and supplementing Title 23 of the
3 Revised Statutes.

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5 BE IT ENACTED by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
6 of New Jersey:

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8 1. a. Notwithstanding the provisions of any law, rule, or
9 regulation to the contrary, the Division of Fish and Wildlife shall
10 allow a person to use a stand-up paddleboard to fish on any lake
11 located in any wildlife management area, provided the person
12 abides by all other applicable federal and State rules and
13 regulations.

14 b. For the purposes of this section, “stand-up paddleboard”
15 means a board that is thicker and longer than a traditional surfboard,
16 designed to be operated from a standing or kneeling position, and
17 propelled by using a long paddle.

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19 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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22 STATEMENT

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24 This bill would allow a person to use a stand-up paddleboard to
25 fish on any lake located in a wildlife management area, provided
26 the person abides by all other applicable federal and State rules and
27 regulations. This bill defines a stand-up paddleboard as a board that
28 is thicker and longer than a traditional surfboard, designed to be
29 operated from a standing or kneeling position, and propelled by
30 using a long paddle.

31 This bill responds to a circumstance in which a stand-up
32 paddleboarder was stopped on a lake in a wildlife management area
33 by a conservation officer because regulations do not mention a
34 paddleboard as a permissible fishing vessel on such lakes. Kayaks
35 and canoes are permitted, however. But since the use of a stand-up
36 paddleboard has not been clearly defined in regulation, it was not
37 allowed. This bill would correct that oversight.