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SENATOR ERDMAN: No person under the age of 14 shall operate a personal watercraft on the waters of this state.

SENATOR BOURNE: Okay, so they had to be...so, okay, and that was Senator Hilgert's bill with the watercraft, and you're adding motorboats in there as well?

SENATOR ERDMAN: Right.

SENATOR BOURNE: Okay. And so then, as you mentioned the graduated, so then you say nobody under 14 can operate a boat whether or not they have training. What's the penalty to an individual who is 14 years of age and is caught operating a boat.

SENATOR ERDMAN: I would have to look back in the State Boat Act, as far as that goes. I don't have that off the top of my head. I know that in the situation that individual is caught, they're prohibited then from going back on the water, which is one of those issues that...

SENATOR BOURNE: Well, I gue...is there a fine if you're...

SENATOR ERDMAN: There is a penalty. I would have to check on that.

SENATOR BOURNE: Okay, there is a penalty but you're not aware of what it is.

SENATOR ERDMAN: It's in existing law

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SENATOR ERDMAN: The same penalty that you would have for...that portion is already in existing law. We are not changing that and, obviously, we're adding additional language that would...

SENATOR BOURNE: Well, what you're changing is is that you're saying that a 14 year old can't operate a motorboat. Now the current status of the law is they can operate a personal