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watercraft, and you're adding in addition to watercraft, they cannot operate boats?

SENATOR ERDMAN: Under the age of 14.

SENATOR BOURNE: Under the age of 14, but we don't know what the penalty is?

SENATOR ERDMAN: We do know what the penalty is. I just don't have it before me. It's in the current law.

SENATOR BOURNE: Okay, and then you're adding in your graduated scheme, which seems to make some sense, that effective January 1 of next year, if you're under 18, you have to have a personal watercraft...or safety training, and that training is available.

SENATOR ERDMAN: It is.

SENATOR BOURNE: And what's the cost...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR BOURNE: ...for that type of training?

SENATOR ERDMAN: The cost is subject to the different courses that are there. Generally, there is allowed up to a 10 dollar fee for that course, and that, right now, is the only...you know, if Game and Parks would like to charge a 10 dollar fee they can. It's enabling for them to do that, but that course is being offered now.

SENATOR BOURNE: Okay. And then the last question, I guess, where it talks about a 25 year old, and so, basically, no individual over 25 would ever have to take a safety class, but we've gone clear up to the age of 25. Is there a reason for, you know, adults that, obviously, are of the age of majority, able to vote, that they would have to take a boating safety class?

SENATOR ERDMAN: Yeah, the reason is is the graduation is there. The committee thought that it would be best to go to 21. We