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**68-102-601. Part definitions. [Effective on January 1, 2015.]**

As used in this part:

- (1) "Boat dock" means a man-made structure that protrudes into a body of water for the purpose of mooring a boat or for other water-related recreation, incl does not include structures that are privately owned and used exclusively by the owner or the owner's guests for non-commercial purposes;
- (2) "Boat dock or marina operator" means any person, whether owner or not, supervising or responsible for operating, maintaining, or repairing a boat dock o
- (3) "Marina" means a dock, including a boat dock or basin providing moorings for watercraft and boat houses and offering supply, repair, or other services, inc privately owned and used exclusively by the owner or the owner's guests for non-commercial purposes;
- (4) "Person" means an individual, partnership, firm, corporation, association, or other legal entity, however organized;
- (5) "Vessel" means any watercraft, other than a seaplane on the water, designed and used primarily for navigation or transportation on the water; and
- (6) "Watercraft" means a vessel that is propelled by machinery, whether or not such machinery is the principal source of propulsion; provided, that it does not this state, or any political subdivision of this state.

**HISTORY:** Acts 2014, ch. 923, § 2.

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**68-102-602. Requirements to aid in prevention of electrical shock, electrocution, or injury to users of marinas and boat docks -- Violations -- Penalties**

(a) All boat dock or marina operators shall comply with the following requirements to aid in preventing electrical shock, electrocution, or injury to the users of

(1) Any main overcurrent protective device, installed or replaced on or after April 1, 2015, that feeds a marina shall have ground-fault protection not exceeding of each individual branch or feeder circuit shall be permitted as a suitable alternative. Each marina operator may determine the devices that it will utilize to achieve the use of equipment leakage circuit interrupters or ground fault circuit interrupters;

(2) Cause a safety inspection to be made between January 1, 2015, and December 31, 2017, and every five (5) years thereafter, by the state fire marshal. The submergible pumps, and sewage pump-out facilities, that could result in unsafe electrical current in the water for the purpose of ensuring compliance with the state deficiency is found during a safety inspection, any subsequent inspection that is required for the inspection of repairs that are made to address such deficiency shall

(3) Install permanent safety signage with print legible at eighty feet (80') of distance and placed to give adequate notice, to persons using the boat dock or marina. The signage shall state: "ELECTRIC SHOCK HAZARD RISK: NO SWIMMING WITHIN 100 YARDS OF THE BOAT DOCK".

(b) (1) It is an offense for any boat dock or marina operator to intentionally or knowingly violate the requirements of this section.

(2) A violation of subdivision (a)(1) that does not result in serious bodily injury or death of an individual is a Class A misdemeanor, punishable by a fine only or

(3) A violation of subdivision (a)(1) that results in serious bodily injury to an individual, as defined in § 39-11-106, is a Class A misdemeanor, punishable by a

(4) A violation of subdivision (a)(1) that results in the death of an individual is a Class E felony, punishable by a fine only of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000).

(5) A violation of subdivision (a)(2) or (a)(3) is a Class A misdemeanor, punishable by a fine only not to exceed five hundred dollars (\$500).

(c) If any boat dock or marina operator who is convicted of, or pleads guilty to, an offense under this section fails to comply with the requirements of this section dock or marina where the violation occurred to be a threat to the public safety and order the closure of such boat dock or marina until the boat dock or marina ceases

**HISTORY:** Acts 2014, ch. 923, § 2.

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**68-102-603. Enforcement by state fire marshal. [Effective on January 1, 2015.]**

The state fire marshal shall enforce this part and may promulgate rules for the efficient enforcement of its provisions. The rules shall be promulgated in accord.

**HISTORY:** Acts 2014, ch. 923, § 2.

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