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BILL NUMBER: **Senate Bill 103 - Third Reader**

SHORT TITLE: **Boating Accidents – Reporting Requirement – Property Damage**

DEPARTMENT’S POSITION: **SUPPORT**

EXPLANATION OF DEPARTMENT’S POSITION

SB 103 enhances public safety and resource protection through additional reporting criteria. By mandating that individuals report damage to navigational aids as a result of a watercraft accident, the bill promotes timely reporting of such damage, which increases the awareness of damaged navigational aids, further prompting timely repair/replacement of such aids to potentially save lives and allow boaters to safely traverse the waters of the state.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Currently, NR 8-724 states that a watercraft accident resulting in personal injury or property damage (outside of other reporting requirements for accidents involving death, serious physical injury or damage greater than \$2,000) shall be reported within 10 days. This bill seeks to specifically add damage to navigational aid markers, lights or identifiers to the law as a reporting requirement to the department within 10 days.

BILL EXPLANATION

The bill seeks to add damage to navigational side markers, lights or identifiers to the reporting requirements under NR 8-724 as it relates to watercraft property damage accidents on the waters of the state.

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