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SENATE BILL NO. 12

Introduced by: Senators Symens, Diedtrich (Elmer), and Vitter and Representatives
Hanson (Gary), Fryslie, and Lintz at the request of the Interim Agriculture
and Natural Resources Committee

1 FOR AN ACT ENTITLED, An Act to prohibit the launching of boats from public highways
2 under certain circumstances and to provide penalties therefor.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:

4 Section 1. That chapter 42-8 be amended by adding thereto a NEW SECTION to read as
5 follows:

6 No person may launch any boat, either by hand or by any trailer, motor vehicle, or other
7 mechanical device, from any public highway, as defined in § 31-1-1. The provisions of this
8 section do not apply to any law enforcement officer or employee of the Department of Game,
9 Fish and Parks if engaged in the performance of official duties.

10 A violation of this section is a Class 2 misdemeanor. Any person who damages any public
11 highway while launching a boat in violation of this section is liable for any damages resulting
12 either directly or as the proximate cause of such act.