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NEW FEDERAL REGULATION REQUIRING CHILDREN TO WEAR LIFE JACKETS IS WITHDRAWN

The U. S. Coast Guard is withdrawing the Final Rule on the wearing of lifejackets for certain children aboard recreational vessels. It needs to reconsider the extent, if any, to which its rule should supersede States' rules that are compatible in most respects, but divergent in some. It hopes to save children's lives on the water and yet accord our system of federalism "full faith and credit."

This final rule amending 33 Code of Federal Regulations Part 175 published on February 27, 2002 is withdrawn as of March 27, 2002.

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