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Comment

SS173.3: Under Act Number 430, December 21, 2000, as amended: Puerto Rico Navigation and Aquatic safety Act, Section 3 Definitions: a Ship or vessel means any system of transportation on water that has a motor installed, including, but without been limited to jet skis motorized rafts, power sailboats, motor boats, or powered driven boats of any sort, including homemade vessels powered by motor, but excluding hydroplanes. A watercraft means a mode of transportation which does not have a motor installed, such as rowboats, canoes, kayaks, sailboats with or without oars, water skis, surfboards with or without sails, rafts, inflatable systems, and any device that moves on the surface of the water without being propelled by a motor, although it could be fit for installation or adaptation of some time of motor. Therefore, the proposed change creates a overburden of conflicting definitions or wording to deal with In this case. Also, the removal of the proposed definitions leaves the accident investigation protocol without proper wording to aid in the determination of felonies, infractions, or misdemeanors committed.

SS173.57: same comment as in the previous paragraph. Mainly, when evaluating marine events involving either vessels, watercrafts, or both.. It may also affect the terms and conditions of the memorandum of Agreement between the Government of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico and the USCG under 14 USC SS2,89,141; 46 CFR SS13109 and 33CFR SS100.01 as to comply with 46 USC 13103(c) (2) on the matter of marine events and boat accident reports protocoedures.

SS181.31: Definition does not include the manufacturing of handmade vessels and is inconsistent with SS181.23(b). It should include "person engaged in the manufacture of a boat for his or her own use(operation) and not for sale.

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