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NOTICE TO THE PRESS

The President has signed H. R. 5630--Federal Boat Safety Act Authorizations. This bill authorizes appropriations of \$22.5 million for the transition quarter and fiscal years 1977-1978 for Federal assistance to State boating safety programs.

H. R. 5630 will extend through fiscal year 1978 the Federal Boat Safety Act of 1971. It will authorize appropriations of \$2.5 million for the transition quarter and \$10 million for each of fiscal years 1977 and 1978 to provide Federal assistance to State boating safety programs.

The bill will extend the Act for an additional two years with the current 1/3 Federal - 2/3 State financing for the grant program.

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