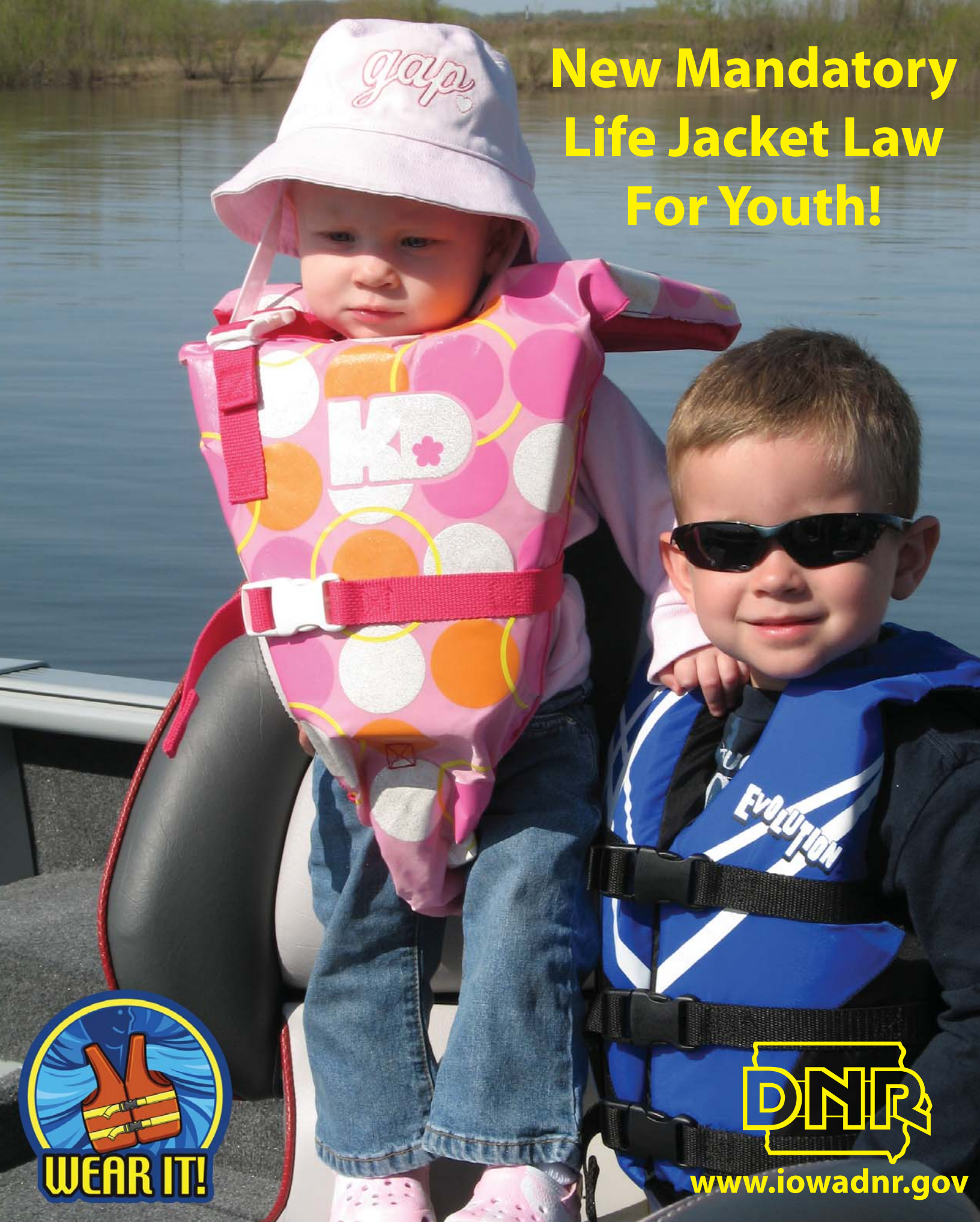


# New Mandatory Life Jacket Law For Youth!



## **Effective May 10, 2008:**

A person shall not operate a vessel in Iowa unless every person on board the vessel who is age 12 and under is wearing a U.S. Coast Guard approved life jacket. A life jacket must be worn when the vessel is "underway." "Underway" means when a vessel is not at anchor, tied to a dock or the bank/shore, or aground.

A child age 12 and under in an enclosed cabin, below deck, or aboard a commercial vessel with a capacity of 25 persons or more is exempt.