AN ACT

To enact R.S. 34:851.36(B)(3), relative to vessels; to provide for the operation of motorboats; to provide for boating safety classes; to provide for exceptions; to provide for boat liveries; to provide for terms and conditions; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 34:851.36(B)(3) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§851.36. Boating safety education required

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(3) A person eighteen years of age or older may operate a motorboat if all of the following conditions are met:

(a) The person operates a motorboat rented from a boat livery.

(b) The rental contract specifies that the operator has been instructed in the proper and safe operation of the motorboat by the lessor or the authorized agent of the lessor.

(c) The parties shall sign the rental contract and comply with the terms
of the rental contract.

(d) The operator shall sign a statement that the operator is not currently under suspension or revocation of the privilege to operate a watercraft upon the waters of this state or any other state.

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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Tyler S. McCloud.

DIGEST
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Present law provides that no person born after Jan. 1, 1984, can operate a motorboat powered by a motor in excess of 10 horsepower unless he has successfully completed a boating safety class approved by the National Association of State Boating Law Administrators.

Proposed law exempts from the boating safety class requirement a person 18 years of age or older if operating a rented motorboat, the rental contract requires instruction in the proper and safe operation of the vessel, the parties sign and comply with terms of the contract, and the operator signs a statement that he is not currently under suspension or revocation of the privilege to operate a watercraft upon the waters of this state or any other state.

Effective August 1, 2022.

(Adds R.S. 34:851.36(B)(3))