KEYWORD AND SUMMARY AS RETURNED TO THE SENATE

BOATS/BOATING Provides for boating safety instruction. (1/1/23)

SUMMARY OF HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO THE SENATE BILL

1. Adds requirement to view Dept. of Wildlife and Fisheries-approved safety video, which must be approved by the department by January 1, 2023.

2. Adds statement that operator has received all instructions and materials required by proposed law to rental contract requirements.

3. Adds requirement that operator keep a copy of rental contract at all times while operating vessel.

4. Adds requirements that livery keep a copy of contract for 60 days after rental and make rental records available for department inspection.

5. Limits authority to rent motorboat to 48 hours after completing requirements of proposed law.


DIGEST OF THE SENATE BILL AS RETURNED TO THE SENATE

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 motorboat rented from a livery, provided that the person receives instruction in proper and safe operation of the rented vessel and the latest Department of Wildlife and Fisheries publication on boating rules, regulations, and safety and views a department-approved boating safety video.

Proposed law requires that the rental contract specifies that the operator has received all materials and instruction required by proposed law and that operator is not under suspension or revocation of the privilege to operate a watercraft upon the waters of any state.

Proposed law requires that the operator retains a copy of the rental contract at all times while operating the vessel.

Proposed law requires that the livery retains a copy of the contract for 60 days after rental and makes rental records available for department inspection.

Proposed law provides that authority to operate a rented motorboat under the exemption expires 48 hours after completing requirements of proposed law.

Proposed law requires that Dept. of Wildlife and Fisheries approves safety video by January 1, 2023.

Effective January 1, 2023
(Adds R.S. 34:851.36(B)(3))

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