
DIGEST

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Abstract: Creates the crime of unlawful swimming in certain waterways for minors and provides for penalties.

Proposed law provides that it shall be unlawful for any person who has not attained the age of 18 to swim in any river that generates hydroelectric power without wearing a Type I, Type II, Type III, or Type V personal flotation device approved by the U.S. Coast Guard.

Proposed law provides for the following penalties:

- (1) On a first conviction, the offender shall be fined not more than \$50 or the offender's parent or legal guardian may be imprisoned for not more than seven days, or both.
- (2) On a second conviction, the offender shall be fined not less than \$75 nor more than \$250 or the offender's parent or legal guardian may be imprisoned for not more than 30 days, or both.
- (3) On a third or subsequent conviction, the offender shall be fined not less than \$200 nor more \$550 or the offender's parent or legal guardian may be imprisoned for not more than 90 days, or both.

(Adds R.S. 14:93.2.4)