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## DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Requires personal locator beacons on life jackets of persons being transported offshore by aircraft.

Present law specifies that among considerations for helicopter safety in over water flight services in the oil and gas industry, the DA may maintain knowledge of personal locator beacons (PLBs) capable of transmitting a digital coded distress signal and a permanent homing signal suitable for use in over water flight services utilized in the oil and gas industry.

Proposed law requires the use of PLB's to be attached to the life jackets of each person being transported to and from offshore facilities by aircraft.

Proposed law relocates provisions regarding the DA maintaining familiarity with federal regulations, facilitating information on over water flight services to the director overseeing such operations, and publishing certain reports to the legislature.

(Amends R.S. 40:1486.2(D), (E), and (F); Adds R.S. 40:1486.2(G))