

HOUSE SUMMARY OF SENATE AMENDMENTS

HB 398

2023 Regular Session

Romero

AIRCRAFT/AVIATION: Requires persons being transported offshore by aircraft wear life jackets equipped with personal locator beacons

Synopsis of Senate Amendments

1. Adds an effective date of January 1, 2024.

Present law specifies that among considerations for helicopter safety in over water flight services in the oil and gas industry, the director of aviation (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 a PLB be attached to the life jacket 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.

Effective January 1, 2024.

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