

HOUSE SUMMARY OF SENATE AMENDMENTS**HB 207****2023 Regular Session****Schamerhorn**

CRIME/MISDEMEANOR: Establishes penalties associated with minors swimming in certain waterways without personal flotation devices

Synopsis of Senate Amendments

1. Makes technical changes.
2. Makes proposed law only applicable to the portion of a river beginning at the water-control structure and continuing for 70 miles downstream from the water-control structure.

Digest of Bill as Finally Passed by Senate

Proposed law provides that it is unlawful for any parent or legal guardian who has care and control of a minor to permit a minor, either knowingly, willfully, or through criminal negligence, to swim without wearing a Type I, Type II, Type III, or Type V personal flotation device approved by the U.S. Coast Guard in any river that flows through a water-control structure in La. that creates a reservoir used to generate hydroelectric power.

Proposed law shall only apply to the portion of a river beginning at the water-control structure and continuing for 70 miles downstream from the water-control structure.

Proposed law provides for the following penalties:

- (1) On a first conviction, the parent or legal guardian will be issued a warning ticket, fined not more than \$25, or both.
- (2) On a second conviction, the parent or legal guardian will be fined not more than \$50, imprisoned for not more than seven days, or both.
- (3) On a third or subsequent conviction, the parent or legal guardian will be fined not more than \$75 nor more than \$250, imprisoned for not more than 30 days, or both.

(Adds R.S. 14:93.2.4)