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SENATE BILL NO. 424

BY SENATOR STINE

BOATS/BOATING. Provides for boating safety instruction. (8/1/22)

1	AN ACT
2	To enact R.S. 34:851.36(B)(3), relative to vessels; to provide for the operation of
3	motorboats; to provide for boating safety classes; to provide for exceptions; to
4	provide for boat liveries; to provide for terms and conditions; and to provide for
5	related matters.
6	Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
7	Section 1. R.S. 34:851.36(B)(3) is hereby enacted to read as follows:
8	§851.36. Boating safety education required
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10	B. * * *
11	(3) A person eighteen years of age or older may operate a motorboat if
12	all of the following conditions are met:
13	(a) The person operates a motorboat rented from a boat livery.
14	(b) The rental contract specifies that the operator has been instructed in
15	the proper and safe operation of the motorboat by the lessor or the authorized
16	agent of the lessor.
17	(c) The parties shall sign the rental contract and comply with the terms

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<u>Present law</u> 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.

<u>Proposed law</u> exempts from the boating safety class requirement a person 18 years of age or older if operating a rented motorboat, the rental contract requires instruction in the proper and safe operation of the vessel, the parties sign and comply with terms of the contract, and the operator signs a statement that he is not currently under suspension or revocation of the privilege to operate a watercraft upon the waters of this state or any other state.

Effective August 1, 2022.

(Adds R.S. 34:851.36(B)(3))