
DIGEST

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HB 154 Engrossed

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Abstract: Provides for the authority of the Bayou D'Arbonne Lake Watershed District to prohibit the operation of certain motor vessels on Lake D'Arbonne when the lake is above flood stage.

Present law authorizes the governing authority of any parish or municipality to prohibit the operation of any motor vessel in an area that is flooded from a body of water that is above flood stage and when the operation of the motor vessel may cause flooding of dwellings, camps, business establishments, or similar structures.

Present law provides an exception for law enforcement officers, members of the National Guard, commercial fishermen, and members of a rescue or disaster relief organization or group when any such persons are in the exercise of their duties. Specifies that the provisions of present law do not apply to a person who resides or owns property in or adjacent to the flooded area or his representatives while engaged in caring for his life, family, or property, or the lives, families, or property of his neighbors. Further specifies that the provisions of present law do not apply to a company which operates in or adjacent to the flooded area or its representatives engaged in caring for the lives of its employees or its property, provided entry is not denied by a law enforcement officer or other person authorized to be within the area in the exercise of his duties.

Present law authorizes the governing authority of any parish or municipality to establish penalties for violations of such ordinances in accordance with law.

Proposed law maintains present law and authorizes the Bayou D'Arbonne Lake Watershed District to prohibit the operation of any motor vessel in an area that is flooded from Lake D'Arbonne when the lake is above flood stage and when the operation of the motor vessel may cause flooding of dwellings, camps, business establishments, or similar structures.

(Amends R.S. 34:851.25(A); Adds R.S. 38:2558(11)(f))