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HOUSE BILL NO. 59

BY REPRESENTATIVE DUBUISSON

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

BOATS/SHIPS/VESSELS: Authorizes the use of personal watercraft between sunrise and sunset

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 34:855.3(C), relative to the regulation of personal watercraft; to  
3 provide an exception to the prohibition against the use of personal watercraft at  
4 night; and to provide for relative matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 34:855.3(C) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

7 §855.3. Regulation of personal watercraft

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9 C. A person shall not operate a personal watercraft at any time between  
10 sunset and sunrise unless equipped with navigational lights in accordance with the  
11 regulations of the United States Coast Guard.

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DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Authorizes the use of personal watercraft between sunrise and sunset when properly equipped with navigation lights.

Present law prohibits the operation of a watercraft at any time between sunset and sunrise.

Proposed law adds an exception that allows the use of personal watercraft for night navigation with properly approved navigation lights.

(Amends R.S. 34:855.3(C))