

2023 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 207

BY REPRESENTATIVES SCHAMERHORN, BACALA, CARRIER, EDMONSTON,
GAINES, GAROFALO, HODGES, HORTON, MIKE JOHNSON, CHARLES
OWEN, AND SEABAUGH

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 14:93.2.4, relative to criminal liability for certain acts of minors; to create the
3 crime of unlawful swimming in certain waterways; to provide for penalties; and to
4 provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 14:93.2.4 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

7 §93.2.4. Unlawful swimming in certain waterways

8 A. It shall be unlawful for any parent or legal guardian who has care and
9 control of a minor, to permit a minor, either knowingly, wilfully, or through criminal
10 negligence to swim without wearing a Type I, Type II, Type III, or Type V personal
11 flotation device approved by the United States Coast Guard in the portion of any
12 river beginning from a water-controlled structure through which that river flows to
13 a point seventy miles downstream when that structure creates a reservoir used to
14 generate hydroelectric power. The distance provided for in this Subsection shall be
15 measured from the structure along a line drawn downstream in the middle of the
16 river bed.

17 B.(1) On a first conviction, the parent or legal guardian shall be issued a
18 warning ticket, fined not more than twenty-five dollars, or both.

19 (2) On a second conviction, the parent or legal guardian shall be fined not
20 more than fifty dollars, imprisoned for not more than seven days, or both.

1 (3) On a third or subsequent conviction, the parent or legal guardian shall be
2 fined not more than seventy-five dollars nor more than two hundred fifty dollars,
3 imprisoned for not more than thirty days, or both.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____