

## RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

**ACT 300 (HB 207)**

**2023 Regular Session**

**Schamerhorn**

New 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.

New 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.

New 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.

Effective August 1, 2023.

(Adds R.S. 14:93.2.4)