

SENATE BILL NO. 205

BY SENATOR HENSGENS

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 34:851.19 and 851.22(A), relative to boat registrations; to  
3 provide for vessel certificate numbers; to provide for motorboats, houseboats, and  
4 sailboats; to provide for approved numbering systems; to provide for documented  
5 vessels; to provide for federal documentation and marking of vessels; and to provide  
6 for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 34:851.19 and 851.22(A) are hereby amended and reenacted to read  
9 as follows:

10 §851.19. Operation of unnumbered motorboats, houseboats, or sailboats prohibited;  
11 exception

12 Every **undocumented** motorboat, houseboat, or sailboat operated on the  
13 waters of this state shall be numbered. No person shall operate or give permission  
14 for the operation of any motorboat, houseboat, or sailboat on such waters unless the  
15 motorboat, houseboat, or sailboat is numbered in accordance with this Part or in  
16 accordance with applicable federal law or in accordance with a federally approved  
17 numbering system of another state, and unless the certificate of number awarded to  
18 the motorboat, houseboat, or sailboat is in full force and effect, and the identifying  
19 number set forth in the certificate of number is displayed on each side of the bow of  
20 the motorboat, houseboat, or sailboat as provided in this Part.

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22 §851.22. Exemption from numbering system

23 A. A motorboat shall not be required to be numbered under this Part if it is:

24 (1) Already covered by a number in full force and effect which has been  
25 awarded to it pursuant to federal law ~~or~~.

26 **(2) Already covered by** a federally approved numbering system of another  
27 state; however, such boat shall not have been within this state for a period in excess

1 of ninety consecutive days.

2 ~~(2)~~ **(3)** A motorboat from a country other than the United States temporarily  
3 using the waters of this state.

4 ~~(3)~~ **(4)** A public vessel of the United States, a state, or a subdivision thereof.

5 ~~(4)~~ **(5)** A ship's lifeboat.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_