

Regular Session, 2011

SENATE BILL NO. 23

BY SENATOR MORRISH

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

BOATS/BOATING. Exempts certain individuals from the boating safety education requirement. (gov sig)

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AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 34:851.36(B), relative to motorboats and vessels; to provide for boating safety education; to exempt certain individuals from the boating safety education requirement; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 34:851.36(B) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§851.36. Boating safety education required

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B. (1) A motorboat may be operated if any person on board or participating in any boating activity from the motorboat is over the age of eighteen and, if required to have completed a boating safety course under the provisions of Subsection A of this Section, has completed the required boating safety course.

(2) A person who is licensed by the United States Coast Guard as a captain to operate a vessel shall be exempt from the provisions of Subsection A of this Section.

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1 Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not
2 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature
3 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If
4 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become
5 effective on the day following such approval.

The original instrument was prepared by J. W. Wiley. The following digest, which does not constitute a part of the legislative instrument, was prepared by Linda Nugent.

DIGEST

Morrish (SB 23)

Present law provides that no person born after Jan. 1, 1984, can operate a motorboat powered by a motor in excess of 10 horsepower unless he has successfully completed a boating safety class approved by the National Association of State Boating Law Administrators. Further provides that a person who has completed an approved boating safety class must be in possession of evidence of such completion when operating such a boat.

Proposed law exempts from present law a person who is licensed by the United States Coast Guard as a captain to operate a vessel.

Effective upon signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends R.S. 34:851.36(B))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and International Affairs to the original bill.

1. Changes the individual who is exempt from a Coast Guard licensed master of a vessel to a person licensed by the Coast Guard as a captain to operate a vessel.