

## RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

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Existing law specifies that, among considerations for helicopter safety in over water flight services in the oil and gas industry, the director of aviation (DA) may maintain knowledge of personal locator beacons (PLBs) capable of transmitting a digital coded distress signal and a permanent homing signal suitable for use in over water flight services utilized in the oil and gas industry.

New law requires each person being transported to and from offshore facilities by aircraft to wear a life jacket equipped with a PLB.

Existing law provides for all of the following requirements:

- (1) Maintaining familiarity with federal regulations.
- (2) Facilitating information on over water flight services to the DA who oversees such operations.
- (3) Publishing certain reports to the legislature.

New law redesignates the requirements in existing law.

Effective January 1, 2024.

(Amends R.S. 40:1486.2(D), (E), and (F); Adds R.S. 40:1486.2(G))