

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)

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.

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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.

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#### DIGEST

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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.