

SENATE BILL NO. 424

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AN ACT

To enact R.S. 34:851.36(B)(3), relative to vessels; to provide for the operation of motorboats; to provide for boating safety classes; to provide for exceptions; to provide for boat liveries; to provide for terms and conditions; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 34:851.36(B)(3) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§851.36. Boating safety education required

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(3) A person who is eighteen years of age or older may operate a motorboat rented from a boat livery if all of the following conditions are met:

(a) The lessor or authorized agent of the lessor provides the person with the following instruction and materials:

(i) Instruction in the safe and proper operation of the motorboat being rented.

(ii) A boating safety instruction video approved by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries.

(iii) The latest Department of Wildlife and Fisheries publication on recreational boating rules, regulations, and safety.

(b) A rental contract is signed by the person and the lessor or authorized agent of the lessor that includes the following provisions:

(i) A statement that the operator received all boating safety instruction and materials required in this Paragraph.

1 (ii) A statement that the operator is not currently under suspension or
 2 revocation of the privilege to operate watercraft upon the waters of this state or
 3 any other state.

4 (c) The operator keeps a copy of the rental contract in his possession at
 5 all times while operating the motorboat.

6 (d) The livery retains a copy of the rental contract in its records for at
 7 least sixty days after termination of the rental and makes such records available
 8 for inspection by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries.

9 (e) A person renting a motorboat from a livery shall only be authorized
 10 to operate such motorboat within forty-eight hours of completing the
 11 requirements of Subparagraph (3)(a) of this Subsection.

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13 Section 2. The Department of Wildlife and Fisheries shall approve the video
 14 provided for in this Act on or before January 1, 2023.

15 Section 3. This Act shall become effective on January 1, 2023.

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____