

SENATE BILL NO. 490 (Substitute of Senate Bill No. 430 by Senator White)

BY SENATOR WHITE

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 56:1855(P), relative to the Louisiana Scenic Rivers Act; to provide relative
3 to natural and scenic rivers; to provide relative to prohibited uses; to provide relative
4 to channelization, clearing and snagging, channel realignment, reservoir
5 construction, or dredging operations in the Comite River; to provide certain terms,
6 conditions, and requirements; and to provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 56:1855(P) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

9 §1855. Exceptions

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11 **P.(1) Notwithstanding any other provision of the law to the contrary,**
12 **beginning August 1, 2018, through August 1, 2021, no provision of this Part**
13 **shall:**

14 **(a) Prohibit the channelization, clearing and snagging, channel**
15 **realignment, reservoir construction, or dredging operations for drainage**
16 **purposes in the Comite River.**

17 **(b) Require a permit pursuant to R.S. 56:1849 for the channelization,**
18 **clearing and snagging, channel realignment, reservoir construction, or dredging**
19 **operations for drainage purposes in the Comite River.**

20 **(2) During the time period provided in Paragraph (P)(1) of this Section,**
21 **use of a motor vehicle or other wheeled or tracked vehicle on the Comite River**
22 **shall be prohibited except for permitted uses and direct crossings by**
23 **immediately adjacent landowners, lessees, or other persons who have written**
24 **permission from the landowner to access adjoining tracts of land for**
25 **noncommercial activities in a manner that does not directly and significantly**

1 degrade the ecological integrity of the stream. Written permission shall be in
2 the person's possession and include the landowner's contact information.

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____