
DIGEST

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St. Germain

HB No. 236

Abstract: Provides for the minimum age of 16 years of age to rent or operate a personal watercraft.

Present law provides that no person under 16 years of age shall operate a personal watercraft on the water of this state. Present law provides for an exception for a person 13 years of age or older on January 1, 2005, who has completed a boating safety education course and carries proof of such completion.

Proposed law removes the exception to the age requirement.

Present law prohibits the owner or a person with control of a personal watercraft to authorize or knowingly permit the operation of a personal watercraft by a person who is under age or has failed to meet the conditions of the exception to the age requirement.

Proposed law retains present law except removes reference to the exception to the age requirement.

Present law provides that a livery shall not lease, hire, or rent a personal watercraft to or for any person under 13 years of age.

Proposed law changes age requirement from 13 to 16 years of age.

(Amends R.S. 34:855.3(E) and (F) and 855.4(A))