

ACT No. 52

Regular Session, 2009

HOUSE BILL NO. 97

BY REPRESENTATIVES GISCLAIR AND BALDONE

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

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AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 34:851.2(3) and 851.19, relative to vessels; to provide for definitions; to provide for operation of certain vessels; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 34:851.2(3) and 851.19 are hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§851.2. Definitions

As used in this Part unless the context requires a different meaning:

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(3) "Motorboat" means any vessel equipped with or propelled by any type of machinery whether or not such machinery is the principal source of propulsion but shall not include a vessel which has a valid marine document issued by the Bureau of Customs of the United States Government or any federal agency successor thereto, unless the vessel is a recreational use vessel ~~or commercial fishing vessel~~.

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§851.19. Operation of unnumbered motorboats or sailboats prohibited; exception

Every motorboat or sailboat operated on the waters of this state shall be numbered. No person shall operate or give permission for the operation of any motorboat or sailboat on such waters unless the motorboat or sailboat is numbered in accordance with this Part ~~and~~ or in accordance with applicable federal law or in accordance with a federally approved numbering system of another state, and unless the certificate of number awarded to such motorboat or sailboat is in full force and

1 effect, and the identifying number set forth in the certificate of number is displayed
2 on each side of the bow of such motorboat or sailboat as provided herein.

3 Section 2. Any owner of a commercial fishing vessel which had a valid marine
4 document issued by the United States government as of August 15, 2008, and thereafter filed
5 an application for numbering to the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries for such vessel
6 shall be credited the amount of the application fee paid towards any license or permit issued
7 by the department until December 31, 2010.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____