
DIGEST

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HB No. 297

Abstract: Requires transporters of offshore oil platform workers to provide, for each person on board, a life preserver, life jacket, or life belt and a personal locator beacon.

Proposed law provides that the production of oil is vital to the energy needs of the state and of the nation. Also provides that the safety of those who work in the offshore industry and those who transport such workers is of vital concern.

Proposed law requires any aircraft used in the transport of offshore platform workers to provide, for each person on board, a life preserver, life jacket, or life belt and a personal locator beacon. Provides that the device must be capable of transmitting a digital coded distress signal and a permanent homing signal. Also provides that proposed law shall be known as "Jacob's Law".

(Adds R.S. 40:1486.1 and 1486.2)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Commerce to the original bill.

1. Removed watercraft from provisions of proposed law.
2. Provided that a personal locator beacon does not have to be equipped to a life preserver, life jacket, or life belt.