

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 94

BY REPRESENTATIVES FONTENOT AND CHASSION

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to submit annual reports to the House Committee on Natural Resources and Environment and the Senate Committee on Natural Resources regarding boating safety.

WHEREAS, the mission of the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF) Law Enforcement Division is to minimize the loss of life, personal injury, and property damage incurred in recreational boating; and

WHEREAS, numerous boating incidents and fatalities occur within Louisiana every year, but most can be prevented through education and boating safety regulation compliance; and

WHEREAS, the LDWF receives approximately two million three hundred thousand dollars from the United States Coast Guard for the implementation of the state's recreational boating safety program each year; and

WHEREAS, Louisiana law has historically authorized suspicionless stops, consistent with federal regulation, for boating safety compliance based on the comprehensive regulatory tradition of vessels, the impracticability of waterway checkpoints, the unique enforcement challenges of navigable waters, and the compelling public safety interest in seaworthy vessels; and

WHEREAS, House Bill 756 and Senate Bill 243 of the 2026 Regular Session of the Legislature established a Fourth Amendment-style reasonable suspicion standard for boating safety stops; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature of Louisiana wants to be sure that establishing an individualized standard for boating safety compliance stops and checks does not have negative impacts to the safety of Louisiana citizens on the water.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to provide annual boating safety compliance reports to the House Committee on Natural Resources and Environment and the Senate Committee on Natural Resources at least thirty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of the Legislature containing the following information:

- (1) The number of boating incidents.
- (2) The number of boating fatalities.
- (3) The number of boating safety related stops.
- (4) The number of citations issued at stops.
- (5) The number of vessels registered in the state.
- (6) State expenditures on the boating safety program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the secretary of the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE