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HOUSE BILL NO. 447

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WATERWAYS: Prohibits certain motorboat activities on a portion of Lake Louis and Bayou Louis

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 34:851.15(D), relative to operation of motorboats on a portion of Lake Louis  
3 and Bayou Louis; to prohibit waterskiing on certain waterbodies; to restrict the use  
4 of personal watercraft on certain waterbodies; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 34:851.15(D) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

7 §851.15. Waterskiing

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9 D. No motorboat shall have in tow or shall be otherwise assisting a person  
10 on water skis, surfboard, or similar contrivance on that portion of Lake Louis in  
11 Catahoula Parish from latitude 31degrees 47 minutes 42.6 seconds, longitude N.  
12 91degrees 40 minutes 57.7 seconds W., known locally as the "Rocks", southward on  
13 Bayou Louis. Additionally, no person shall operate a personal watercraft, as defined  
14 in R.S. 34:855.2, above bare steerage speed, the slowest speed the vessel can travel  
15 while allowing the operator to maintain directional control to produce the minimum  
16 water surface turbulence, in the portion of Lake Louis and Bayou Louis provided for  
17 in this Subsection.

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DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Prohibits waterskiing and operating a personal watercraft above steerage speed on a portion of Lake Louis and Bayou Louis.

Proposed law prohibits waterskiing on a portion of Lake Louis in Catahoula Parish from the what is known locally as the "Rocks" southward on Bayou Louis.

Proposed law prohibits operation of a personal watercraft above bare steerage speed in the portion of Lake Louis and Bayou Louis provided for in proposed law.

(Adds R.S. 34:851.15(D))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Natural Resources and Environment to the original bill.

1. Changed the names of the waterbodies from Lake Louie and Bayou Louie to Lake Louis and Bayou Louis.
2. Added the latitude and longitude coordinates for the "Rocks".
3. Prohibited operation of a personal watercraft above bare steerage speed in the portion of Lake Louis and Bayou Louis provided for proposed law.