

Regular Session, 2014

HOUSE BILL NO. 1242

BY REPRESENTATIVE ORTEGO

BOATS/SHIPS/VESSELS: Authorizes the use of kayaks, canoes, and pirogues at the  
Rockefeller Wildlife Refuge

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 56:109(F) and to enact R.S. 56:109(G), relative to use of certain  
3 watercraft in wildlife refuges; to provide for the use of kayaks, canoes, and pirogues  
4 in the Rockefeller Wildlife Refuge; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 56:109(F) is hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 56:109(G) is  
7 hereby enacted to read as follows:

8 §109. Wildlife management areas; wildlife refuges; public hunting grounds and  
9 recreation areas; notice; signs; disabled hunters

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11 F. The commission shall promulgate rules to allow the use of kayaks, canoes,  
12 and pirogues in the Rockefeller Foundation Wildlife Refuge and Game Preserve. In  
13 addition, the commission may post such warning signs as deemed necessary to  
14 ensure the safety of those people using such kayaks, canoes, and pirogues.

15 G. Except as provided in Subsection D, a violation of the provisions of this  
16 Section, or rules and regulations promulgated pursuant thereto, shall constitute a  
17 class two violation.

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DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Allows the use of kayaks, canoes, and pirogues in the Rockefeller Wildlife Refuge and Game Preserve.

Present law authorizes the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to establish wildlife management areas, wildlife refuges, and public hunting grounds and recreation areas. One of the refuges established is the Rockefeller Foundation Wildlife Refuge and Game Preserve.

Proposed law requires the commission to authorize the use of kayaks, canoes, and pirogues in the Rockefeller Refuge. Authorizes the commission to post warning signs deemed necessary to protect the safety of people using the kayaks, canoes, and pirogues.

(Amends R.S. 56:109(F); Adds R.S. 56:109(G))