

Regular Session, 2011

HOUSE BILL NO. 599

BY REPRESENTATIVE PEARSON

BOATS/SHIPS/VESSELS: Provides for the regulation of watercraft near certain structures

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 34:851.27(B)(8), relative to the operation of watercraft; to  
3 authorize the parish of St. Tammany to regulate or prohibit the operation of  
4 watercraft; and to provide for related matters.

5 Notice of intention to introduce this Act has been published  
6 as provided by Article III, Section 13 of the Constitution of  
7 Louisiana.

8 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

9 Section 1. R.S. 34:851.27(B)(8) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

10 §851.27. Local regulations prohibited; exceptions; speed limits

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12 B.

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14 (8) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, the local governing authority  
15 of ~~any parish with a population in excess of four hundred forty thousand according~~  
16 ~~to the latest federal census~~ the parishes of Orleans, Jefferson, and St. Tammany may  
17 regulate or prohibit watercraft operating within two hundred fifty feet of any  
18 structures on any water bottoms in Lake Pontchartrain leased by said local governing  
19 authority from the state for recreational purposes.

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DIGEST

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Pearson

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**Abstract:** Authorizes St. Tammany Parish to regulate or prohibit the operation of watercraft within 250 feet of certain structures.

Present law authorizes any parish with a population in excess of 440,000 to regulate or prohibit the operation of watercraft within 250 feet of any structure on any waterbottoms of Lake Pontchartrain leased from the state for recreational purposes.

Proposed law retains present law and replaces the population numbers with the parishes of Orleans and Jefferson and adds St. Tammany Parish.

(Amends R.S. 34:851.27(B)(8))