

Regular Session, 2008

ACT No. 35

HOUSE BILL NO. 697

BY REPRESENTATIVE ST. GERMAIN AND SENATOR DUPRE

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 34:851.2(3) and 851.19, relative to vessels; to provide for
3 definitions; to provide for operation of certain vessels; and to provide for related
4 matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 34:851.2(3) and 851.19 are hereby amended and reenacted to read
7 as follows:

8 §851.2. Definitions

9 As used in this Part unless the context requires a different meaning:

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11 (3) "Motorboat" means any vessel equipped with or propelled by any type
12 of machinery whether or not such machinery is the principal source of propulsion but
13 shall not include a vessel which has a valid marine document issued by the Bureau
14 of Customs of the United States Government or any federal agency successor
15 thereto, unless the vessel is a recreational use vessel or commercial fishing vessel.

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17 §851.19. Operation of unnumbered motorboats or sailboats prohibited; exception

18 Every motorboat or sailboat operated on the waters of this state shall be
19 numbered. No person shall operate or give permission for the operation of any
20 motorboat or sailboat on such waters unless the motorboat or sailboat is numbered
21 in accordance with this Part ~~or~~ and in accordance with applicable federal law or in
22 accordance with a federally approved numbering system of another state, and unless
23 the certificate of number awarded to such motorboat or sailboat is in full force and

1 effect, and the identifying number set forth in the certificate of number is displayed
2 on each side of the bow of such motorboat or sailboat as provided herein.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____