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HOUSE BILL NO. 297

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TRANSPORTATION: Requires offshore oil rig personnel transporters to provide flotation devices equipped with personal locator beacons

1 AN ACT

2 To enact Part VIII of Chapter 6 of Title 40 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be
3 comprised of R.S. 40:1486.1 and 1486.2, relative to safe transportation of offshore
4 oil platform workers; to provide for purpose; to provide for flotation devices to be
5 equipped with personal locator beacons; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. Part VIII of Chapter 6 of Title 40 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of
8 1950, comprised of R.S. 40:1486.1 and 1486.2, is hereby enacted to read as follows:

9 PART VIII. REGULATION OF TRANSPORTATION OF OFFSHORE OIL

10 PLATFORM WORKERS

11 §1486.1. Purpose

12 The legislature finds that the production of oil for the energy needs of the
13 state and the nation is of vital concern and the safety of those who work in the
14 offshore industry and those who transport those workers is also of vital concern;
15 therefore, the legislature imposes certain requirements upon the transportation of
16 offshore workers.

17 §1486.2. Life preserver, life jacket, or life belt; personal locator beacon; required

18 Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, any aircraft
19 utilized to transport offshore platform workers, to and from the platform, shall
20 provide and carry, so placed as to be readily accessible, at least one life preserver,

1 life jacket, or life belt and a personal locator beacon, for each person on board. The
2 device shall be capable of transmitting a digital coded distress signal and a
3 permanent homing signal.

4 Section 2. This Act shall be known and cited as "Jacob's Law".

DIGEST

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Abstract: Requires transporters of offshore oil platform workers to provide, for each person on board, a life preserver, life jacket, or life belt and a personal locator beacon.

Proposed law provides that the production of oil is vital to the energy needs of the state and of the nation. Also provides that the safety of those who work in the offshore industry and those who transport such workers is of vital concern.

Proposed law requires any aircraft used in the transport of offshore platform workers to provide, for each person on board, a life preserver, life jacket, or life belt and a personal locator beacon. Provides that the device must be capable of transmitting a digital coded distress signal and a permanent homing signal. Also provides that proposed law shall be known as "Jacob's Law".

(Adds R.S. 40:1486.1 and 1486.2)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Commerce to the original bill.

1. Removed watercraft from provisions of proposed law.
2. Provided that a personal locator beacon does not have to be equipped to a life preserver, life jacket, or life belt.