

Regular Session, 2010

HOUSE BILL NO. 297

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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 and prior to
19 January 1, 2011, any aircraft utilized to transport offshore platform workers, to and
20 from the platform, shall provide and carry, so placed as to be readily accessible, at
21 least one life preserver, life jacket, or life belt and a personal locator beacon, for each

1 person on board. The device shall be capable of transmitting a digital coded distress
2 signal and a permanent homing signal.

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

4 Section 3. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not
5 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature
6 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If
7 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become
8 effective on the day following such approval.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____