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H.B. No. 596

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to offenses involving operating a motorboat in a circular course.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. This Act shall be known as the Britteny Sage Lindt Act.

SECTION 2. The heading to Section 31.099, Parks and Wildlife Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 31.099. PROHIBITION ON CIRCULAR COURSE AROUND INDIVIDUALS ENGAGED IN WATER ACTIVITIES [~~FISHERMAN OR SWIMMER~~].

SECTION 3. Section 31.099, Parks and Wildlife Code, is amended by amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (a-1) to read as follows:

(a) No person may operate a motorboat in a circular course around:

(1) any other boat or personal watercraft any occupant of which is engaged in fishing, waterskiing, or a similar activity;
or

(2) [~~around~~] any person swimming.

(a-1) Subsection (a) does not apply to a person operating a motorboat in a circular course to retrieve a downed or fallen water-skier or other person engaged in a similar activity.

SECTION 4. The change in law made by this Act applies only to an offense committed on or after the effective date of this Act.

1 An offense committed before the effective date of this Act is
2 covered by the law in effect when the offense was committed, and the
3 former law is continued in effect for that purpose. For purposes of
4 this section, an offense was committed before the effective date of
5 this Act if any element of the offense was committed before that
6 date.

7 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
8 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
9 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
10 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
11 Act takes effect September 1, 2011.