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2 W1BN355-1
3 By Representative Lee
4 RFD: Public Safety and Homeland Security
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4 SYNOPSIS:

5 Under existing law, the Secretary of the Alabama
6 State Law Enforcement Agency is authorized to adopt
7 rules concerning the safety of vessels and individuals
8 observing or participating in a regatta, motorboat, or
9 other boat race, marine parade, tournament, or
10 exhibition.

11 This bill would exempt any regatta, motorboat,
12 or other boat race, marine parade, tournament, or
13 exhibition consisting of 35 vessels or less from
14 applying for an event permit.

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17 A BILL

18 TO BE ENTITLED

19 AN ACT

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21 Relating to boating vessels; to amend Section 33-5-27,
22 Code of Alabama 1975, to exempt the operation of certain
23 regatta, motorboat, or other boat races, marine parades,
24 tournaments, or exhibitions from state permit requirements.

25 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

26 Section 1. Section 33-5-27, Code of Alabama 1975, is
27 amended to read as follows:

28 "§33-5-27



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33 (b) Any person sponsoring a regatta, motorboat, or
34 other boat race, marine parade, tournament, or exhibition
35 shall be responsible for providing adequate protection from
36 marine traffic interference and hazards.

41 Section 2. This act shall become effective on October
42 1, 2026.