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3 By Representative Lee
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SYNOPSIS:

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

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

A BILL
TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

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

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

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

"§33-5-27



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29 (a) The secretary shall adopt and may amend rules
30 concerning the safety of vessels and persons observing or
31 participating in any regatta, motorboat, or other boat race,
32 marine parade, tournament, or exhibition.

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.

37 (c) Any regatta, motorboat, or other boat race, marine
38 parade, tournament, or exhibition consisting of 35 vessels or
39 less shall not be required to obtain an event permit or any
40 similar event authorization adopted by the secretary."

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