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S.B. 336: FLOOR ANALYSIS

Senate Bill 336 (as reported without amendment)

Sponsor: Senator Patricia L. Birkholz

Committee: Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs

CONTENT

The bill would amend the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act to eliminate the May 1, 2007, sunset on a section restricting the operation of airboats.

Section 80108a prohibits a person from operating an airboat within 450 feet of a residence between 11:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. at a speed exceeding that required to maintain forward movement.

The prohibition does not apply to the operation of an airboat under any of the following circumstances: in an emergency when necessary to protect public safety; in the event the airboat runs aground and needs to be freed; or for a governmental purpose, if the airboat is clearly marked and identified as being used for a governmental purpose.

Section 80108a was enacted by Public Act 547 of 2004, and is scheduled to be repealed on May 1, 2007. The bill would eliminate the repeal.

Legislative Analyst: Julie Cassidy

FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would have no fiscal impact on State or local government.

Date Completed: 3-7-07 Fiscal Analyst: Jessica Runnels