

2026 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 257

BY SENATOR MYERS

FISH/FISHING. Removes the requirement that certain tags have the social security number of the tag holder. (8/1/26)

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 56:325.4(B)(4), 333(B)(5), and 406(A)(3)(e), relative to fishing
3 gear; to provide for commercial fishing gear; to provide for pompano and mullet
4 strike nets; to provide for required information for tags issued; to remove certain
5 requirements that a tag have the social security number of the holder of the tag; and
6 to provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 56:325.4(B)(4), 333(B)(5), and 406(A)(3)(e) are hereby amended and
9 reenacted to read as follows:

10 §325.4. Commercial taking of other saltwater finfish; exceptions; mesh size

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12 B.(1) * * *

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14 (4) Each pompano strike net shall have attached to it a tag issued by the
15 department which states the name; **and** address; ~~and social security number~~ of the
16 owner of the net and the permit number of the permit issued to commercially take
17 black drum (also known as puppy drum), sheepshead, and flounder. ~~The department~~

1 ~~shall not issue any tag to a person who does not have a social security number.~~

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3 §333. Mullet; saltwater areas

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5 B.(1) * * *

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7 (5) Each mullet strike net shall have attached to it a tag issued by the
8 department which states the name; **and** address, ~~and social security number~~ of the
9 owner of the net and the permit number of the permit issued to commercially take
10 mullet. ~~The department shall not issue any tag to a person who does not have a social~~
11 ~~security number.~~

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13 §406. Use of trammel net, seine, gill net, or webbing prohibited in the waters of
14 Breton Islands and Chandeleur Islands; exceptions; penalty

15 A.(1) * * *

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17 (3)(a) * * *

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19 (e) Each pompano strike net shall have attached to it a tag issued by the
20 department which states the name; **and** address, ~~and social security number~~ of the
21 owner of the net and the permit number of the permit issued to commercially take
22 pompano. ~~The department shall not issue any tag to a person who does not have a~~
23 ~~social security number.~~

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Present law requires that each pompano strike net and mullet strike net have attached to it

a tag issued by the Dept. of Wildlife and Fisheries stating the name, address, and social security number of the owner of the net and the permit number of the permit issued to commercially take pompano, black drum, or mullet. Present law further prohibits the department from issuing a tag to any person who does not have a social security number.

Proposed law retains present law except removes the requirement that the tag state the owner's social security number and removes the prohibition against issuing a tag to a person who does not have a social security number.

Effective August 1, 2026.

(Amends R.S. 56:325.4(B)(4), 333(B)(5), and 406(A)(3)(e))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Natural Resources to the original bill

1. Removes the social security number requirement for tag on mullet strike nets.