

2018 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 425

BY REPRESENTATIVE ZERINGUE

FISHING/COMMERCIAL: Includes charter fishing guides in the certification program as earning more than half of their income from charter fishing guide activities

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 56:303(E), relative to charter boat guide fishing; provides for  
3 certification of a licensed charter boat captain as earning more than fifty percent of  
4 his income from charter fishing activities; and to provide with respect thereto.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 56:303(E) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

7 §303. Commercial fisherman's license; charter boat fishing guide's license  
8 certification; fees; place of purchase; information

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10 E.(1) ~~Beginning with commercial fishermen's licenses issued on and after~~  
11 ~~July 1, 2009, the~~ The department or the special certificate agent shall endorse a  
12 commercial fisherman's license or a charter boat fishing guide's license as "certified"  
13 upon presentation to the department or the special certificate agent of a notarized  
14 statement from the tax preparer certifying that based upon his most recent federal  
15 income tax return the individual earns at least fifty percent of his income from  
16 commercial fishing or charter fishing guide activities. The department shall maintain

1 a list of those commercial fishermen and charter fishing guides who possess a  
2 ~~commercial fisherman's~~ license having a "certified" endorsement.

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4 Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not  
5 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature  
6 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If  
7 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become  
8 effective on the day following such approval.

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DIGEST

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HB 425 Engrossed

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**Abstract:** Provides for certification of a charter boat guide as earning more than 50% of their income from charter boat guide activities.

Present law requires the Dept. of Wildlife and Fisheries to certify a commercial fisherman's license upon receipt of a notarized statement stating that the fisherman earns at least 50% of his income from commercial fishing activities. Requires the Dept. of Wildlife and Fisheries to maintain a list of those commercial fishermen with certified licenses.

Proposed law adds charter boat guides to present law and includes them in the certification program.

Effective upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends R.S. 56:303(E))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Natural Resources and Environment to the original bill:

1. Remove text that reads "for purposes of taxation".