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Abstract: Authorizes saltwater fishing with a saltwater license or a charter boat fishing license and separates the charter promotion fund fee from the charter fishing license fee.

Present law provides for fishing licenses and fees, including saltwater licenses and charter guide fishing licenses for residents and nonresidents.

Proposed law retains the licenses that exist under present law.

Present law includes a \$20 fee for three-day saltwater charter fishing licenses and \$10 for three-day freshwater charter fishing licenses.

Present law further provides that \$7.50 must be collected for every charter fishing license sold to be deposited into the Charter Boat Fishing Fund for the purposes of promoting charter fishing, among other things.

Present law establishes a single fee for charter fishing licenses that includes this \$7.50 promotion fee.

Proposed law separates the \$7.50 charter promotion fee from the charter fishing license fee so that it can be put into an escrow account for promotional use pursuant to present law.

Proposed law reinstates provisions of prior law regarding the options available for licensing when saltwater fishing.

(Amends Act No. 356 of the 2021 R.S., §6 and R.S. 56:3001(A)(4) and (5) and (B)(5) and (6); Adds R.S. 56:302.1 and 3001(A)(6) and (B)(7); Repeals R.S. 56:3007(C))