

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 1189

BY REPRESENTATIVE BRYANT

WILDLIFE & FISHERIES: Provides for charter boat fishing guide licenses

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 56:302.9(A)(1)(b) and (3), relative to charter boat fishing guides;
3 to require that freshwater charter boat fishing guides obtain a United States Coast
4 Guard captain's license; to remove the requirement that the Department of Wildlife
5 and Fisheries provide information about federal law to freshwater charter boat
6 fishing guides; and to provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 56:302.9(A)(1)(b) and (3) are hereby amended and reenacted to read
9 as follows:

10 §302.9. Charter boat fishing guide license; nonresident fee

11 A.(1)

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13 (b) No person shall act as or represent himself to be a freshwater charter boat
14 fishing guide unless that person possesses a valid state charter boat fishing guide
15 license, a valid captain's license issued by the United States Coast Guard, proof of
16 liability insurance, and a valid state recreational fishing license that grants fishing
17 privileges appropriate for his charter activity. In addition, any person acting as a
18 freshwater charter boat fishing guide who is in charge of the operation of a vessel
19 shall have his required licenses and proof of liability insurance on his person while
20 on the water. It shall not be a violation of this Section for a person to represent

