

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

ACT 316 (HB 757)

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Existing law provides for the taking of menhaden. Further, the Dept. of Wildlife and Fisheries has promulgated administrative rules designating certain areas within which menhaden may not be taken.

New law prohibits any person from knowingly and intentionally authorizing, directing, or having control or ownership of an agent or vessel involved in the taking of menhaden for commercial purposes within those areas designated by the department where the taking of menhaden is prohibited.

New law requires that persons violating new law be held strictly liable for the violation and establishes the following penalties:

- (1) \$2,500 for a first violation.
- (2) \$5,000 for a second violation.
- (3) \$7,500 for a third violation.

Proposed law defines the term "person".

Effective August 1, 2026.

(Adds R.S. 56:320(J))