

2016 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 303

BY REPRESENTATIVE LEOPOLD

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 56:303.6(D), relative to oyster harvester licenses; to provide for certain
3 qualifications for holding an oyster harvester license; to require successful
4 completion of an oyster harvester education program; and to provide for related
5 matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 56:303.6(D) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

8 §303.6. Oyster harvester license

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10 D. Beginning in license year 2017 and thereafter, any person applying for
11 an oyster harvester license shall have completed the oyster harvester education
12 program within the previous three years. The oyster harvester education program
13 shall be developed by the department, promulgated under the Administrative
14 Procedure Act by the commission, and implemented by the department for the
15 purpose of developing professionalism in the oyster harvest industry. The oyster
16 harvester education program shall include training in the Louisiana Shellfish
17 Sanitation Program, Chapter 3 of Part IX of Title 51 of the Louisiana Administrative
18 Code, "Preparation and Handling of Seafood for Market". In addition, the oyster
19 harvester education program shall include best practices for conservation of the
20 species.

21 Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not
22 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature

1 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If
2 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become
3 effective on the day following such approval.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____