

2018 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 799

BY REPRESENTATIVE GAROFALO

FISHING/CRABS: Provides relative to the disposition of abandoned crab traps

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 56:332(N)(3), relative to abandoned crab traps; to require the
3 Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to specify certain information in their rules and
4 regulations governing the abandoned crab trap removal program; and to provide for
5 related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 56:332(N)(3) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

8 §332. Crabs; release of crabs in berry stage; method of taking crabs; time
9 limitations; by-catch; penalties; abandoned crab trap removal program;
10 escape rings

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14 (3) The commission shall adopt and promulgate under the Administrative
15 Procedure Act rules and regulations to provide for a prohibition on the use of crab
16 traps and for the removal of abandoned traps and their disposal. The rules shall, at
17 a minimum, specify the beginning and ending dates for the prohibition on the use of
18 crab traps, ~~shall specify~~ the geographical area within which the use of crab traps shall
19 be prohibited, ~~and shall specify~~ who is authorized to remove the abandoned traps,

- 1 and the ~~location where the removed~~ disposition of the abandoned traps ~~are to be~~
2 ~~placed for disposal.~~
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DIGEST

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HB 799 Reengrossed

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Abstract: Provides relative to the disposition of abandoned crab traps.

Present law established a removal program for abandoned crab traps. Requires the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to promulgate rules for the removal of abandoned traps and their disposal. Requires the rules address the dates when usable traps must be removed from the water, the geographical area for the removal, who is authorized to remove traps, and the location for disposal of the traps.

Proposed law retains present law except the location of the disposal of the traps. Proposed law requires specifying the disposition of the abandoned traps.

(Amends R.S. 56:332(N)(3))