

2018 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 706

BY REPRESENTATIVE ZERINGUE

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 56:325.1(A)(3), relative to recreational saltwater finfish; to
3 provide for possession limits of certain filleted saltwater finfish on board a vessel
4 while on the water; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 56:325.1(A)(3) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

7 §325.1. Size and possession limits, recreational saltwater finfish; penalties

8 A.

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10 (3)(a) A recreational saltwater fisherman in possession of a valid basic and
11 saltwater license may possess twice the daily bag limit of red drum and spotted sea
12 trout; however, no person shall be in possession of over the daily bag limit while
13 fishing or while on the water, unless such recreational saltwater fisherman is aboard
14 a trawler engaged in commercial fishing for a consecutive period of longer than
15 twenty-five hours.

16 (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of Subparagraph (a) of this Paragraph
17 and R.S. 56:325.2(A) and (B), a fisherman who holds and is in possession of a valid
18 recreational fishing license and can demonstrate to the department's satisfaction use
19 of a boat launch located south of U.S. Highway 90 and that the fisherman has been
20 actively on the water or at a remote camp that can be accessed only by water for two
21 days or more may possess up to the possession limit of filleted red drum, spotted sea
22 trout, and Southern flounder. The filleted fish shall have sufficient skin remaining

1 on the fillet to allow for identification of the species and shall be segregated by
 2 species into plastic bags or plastic containers that are marked by species to allow
 3 easy identification, the date caught, and the name and license number of the person
 4 who took the fish. The spotted sea trout fillets shall be no less than ten inches in
 5 length and the red drum shall be no less than fourteen inches in length. The fish shall
 6 be in the possession only of the person who took the fish. However, no fisherman
 7 shall be actively fishing or engaged in fishing while in possession of more than the
 8 daily take limit.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____