

2019 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 269

BY REPRESENTATIVE ZERINGUE

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

ANIMALS/ALLIGATORS: Requires a license for taking alligators and eliminates the additional license for an assistant to an alligator hunter

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 56:251(A)(2)(a)(i) and to repeal R.S. 56:251(A)(2)(a)(ii),  
3 relative to hunting alligators; to require an alligator hunting license in order to take  
4 an alligator; to eliminate the additional license for an assistant to an alligator hunter;  
5 and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 56:251(A)(2)(a)(i) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as  
8 follows:

9 §251. Licenses; possession limit for nonresident alligator hunter; deposit as  
10 guarantee of payment of severance tax; penalties

11 A. The following license fees shall be levied on each fur trapper, alligator  
12 hunter, fur buyer, and fur dealer:

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14 (2)(a)(i) Every resident alligator hunter shall before commencing business  
15 procure annually from the department a resident alligator hunting license, which  
16 shall be furnished upon payment of twenty-five dollars, and the filing of an  
17 application approved by the department. Every nonresident alligator hunter shall  
18 before commencing business procure annually from the department a nonresident  
19 alligator hunter license, which shall be furnished upon the payment of one hundred  
20 fifty dollars, and the filing of an application approved by the department. Every

1 resident and nonresident alligator hunter must at all times have this license in  
2 possession while hunting or taking alligators.

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4 Section 2. R.S. 56:251(A)(2)(a)(ii) is hereby repealed in its entirety.

DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Requires a license for taking alligators and eliminates the additional license for an assistant to an alligator hunter.

Present law requires possession of an alligator hunting license prior to hunting alligators for a fee of \$25 for residents and \$150 for nonresidents. Further provides for a license for an additional \$25 fee to allow one resident assistant to accompany the alligator hunter. The assistant is not required to have an alligator hunting license but may not have an alligator tag or tagged alligator outside the presence of the licensed alligator hunter.

Proposed law applies these same requirements to everyone "taking" alligators.

Proposed law further eliminates the option of an additional license for an assistant to a licensed alligator hunter.

(Amends R.S. 56:251(A)(2)(a)(i); Repeals R.S. 56:251(A)(2)(a)(ii))