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## DIGEST

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HB 142 Engrossed

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**Abstract:** Authorizes additional means of harvesting oysters on the oyster seed grounds under the oyster seed ground vessel permit.

Present law requires a permit for a person to take oysters for commercial purposes from the public natural reefs or oyster seed grounds or reservations. Provides that the cost of the annual permit for use of a single scraper is \$250 for a resident and \$1,000 for a nonresident. The cost of the permit for use of a double scraper is \$500 for a resident and \$2,000 for a nonresident.

Proposed law permits the use of tongs or harvesting by hand under the cost of a permit for use of a single scraper. Further provides that the permit granted for a double scraper also permits the use of any legal means of harvest.

(Amends R.S. 56:433.1(A)(1))