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**Abstract:** Removes the requirement for a valid captain's license issued by the United States Coast Guard for freshwater charter guides.

Present law requires residents and nonresidents to obtain a freshwater charter boat fishing guide license in order to represent himself to be a charter boat fishing guide. Further requires both freshwater and saltwater charter guides possess a valid captain's license issued by the U.S. Coast Guard.

Proposed law removes the requirement that a freshwater charter boat fishing guide possess a valid captain's license issued by the U.S. Coast Guard in order to conduct guided fishing tours in freshwater. Additionally, provides an exception to a licensure violation for a person who represents himself as a charter boat fishing guide if the person possessed a valid license during the previous 30 days but has not renewed.

(Amends R.S. 56:302.9(A)(1) and (3))