

SENATE BILL NO. 270

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AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 56:329(B)(1), relative to fish and other aquatic life; to provide with respect to sport and commercial fishing; to provide relative to obstruction of streams or lakes; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 56:329(B)(1) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§329. Obstruction of streams or lakes by fyke nets or other devices

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B.(1) Except as provided in Paragraph (2) of this Subsection, no obstructions including trawls, skimmer nets, butterfly nets, fyke nets, wings or leads, seines, gill nets, or trammel nets which interfere with the free passageway for fish as defined herein in this Section shall be set within five hundred feet of the mouth of any inlet or pass, or within five hundred feet of any water control structures, dams, or weirs, except for the purpose of retaining and removing invasive species of fish and other nongame freshwater fish of commercial value. When fishing for the purpose of retaining and removing invasive species of fish and other nongame freshwater fish of commercial value, nets are restricted to a mesh size no smaller than three and one-half inches bar. Wings and leads are permitted on hoop nets in overflowed regions where the water is out of the actual bed of the natural stream or lake but not within the restricted five hundred feet area.

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1 Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not
2 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature
3 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If
4 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become
5 effective on the day following such approval.

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____