

**GREEN SHEET REDIGEST**

**HB 1060**

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**FISHING/LICENSES: Provides relative to freshwater charter boat fishing guide licenses.**

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DIGEST

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 operating on a waterbody not influenced by the tide possess a valid captain's license issued by the U.S. Coast Guard in order to conduct guided fishing tours in freshwater. Further provides that issuance of a license does not relieve the licensee of any other requirement of law, specifically the holding of a valid United States Coast Guard captain's license. 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))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Natural Resources to the engrossed bill

1. Adds requirement that freshwater charter boat guides on a waterbody influenced by tide hold a Coast Guard Captain's license.
2. Specifies that issuance of a charter boat fishing guide license does not relieve licensee of any other requirement of law.
3. Makes technical changes.