

2022 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 419

BY REPRESENTATIVE MCFARLAND

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 56:320(A)(3) and (C)(1), relative to methods for taking fish; to
3 provide for taking of bream with minnow traps; to allow hand-grabbing of catfish;
4 and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 56:320(A)(3) and (C)(1) are hereby amended and reenacted to read
7 as follows:

8 §320. Methods of taking freshwater or saltwater fish

9 A.

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11 (3) However, notwithstanding Paragraphs (1) and (2) of this Subsection, and
12 any other provision of law to the contrary, bream of any species may be taken when
13 fishing for sport in freshwater by using a minnow trap that does not exceed twenty-
14 four inches in length and having a throat no larger than one inch by three inches for
15 noncommercial bait purposes ~~in any lake not wholly contained within this state~~
16 ~~which is in excess of one hundred thousand surface acres.~~

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18 C.(1) No person shall take or possess fish taken by means of spears, poisons,
19 stupefying substances or devices, explosives, guns, tree-topping devices, lead nets,
20 except as provided in R.S. 56:329(B), electricity, or any instrument or device capable
21 of producing an electric current used in shocking said fish; except a barbless spear
22 or a multi-pronged barbed gig that may be used in salt water for taking flounder. No

1 person shall take or possess game fish taken by means of snagging devices, not
 2 including bow and arrow. Catfish may be taken by means of snagging devices and
 3 hand-grabbing. Garfish may be taken by means of spears and bows and arrows. It
 4 shall be unlawful to possess any of the prohibited instruments, weapons, substances,
 5 or devices set out ~~hereinabove~~ in this Subsection with the intent to take fish in
 6 violation of the provisions of this Section.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____