Present law requires residents and nonresidents to obtain a valid captain’s license issued by the U.S. Coast Guard in order to obtain a freshwater charter boat fishing guide license. Proposed law removes the requirement for a valid captain’s license issued by the U.S. Coast Guard for freshwater charter guide. Proposed law requires the department to give notice to holders that they may be subject to holding a valid captain’s license depending on which body of water they are operating on.

REVENUE EXPLANATION
There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental revenues as a result of this measure. Proposed law removes the requirement for a valid captain’s license issued by the U.S. Coast Guard for freshwater charter guides. Freshwater charter guides will still be required to obtain a freshwater charter boat fishing guide licenses through the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries. Thus, there is no revenue impact to the state.