

## RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

**ACT 582 (HB 1060)**

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Prior law required 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 required both freshwater and saltwater charter guides possess a valid captain's license issued by the U.S. Coast Guard.

New 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. Further requires the Dept. of Wildlife and Fisheries provide written notification to license holders that they may be subject to other requirements of law, including holding a valid captain's license issued by the U.S. Coast Guard. 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.

Effective August 1, 2022.

(Amends R.S. 56:302.9(A)(1) and (3); Adds R.S. 56:302.9(A)(4))