
DIGEST

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HB 661 Engrossed

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Abstract: Requires charter boat fishing guides to carry commercial marine insurance and establishes a fine for a first offense violation of charter fishing licensing requirements.

Present law requires that charter boat fishing guides possess and keep on his person while on the water proof of liability insurance.

Proposed law requires that charter boat fishing guides possess and keep on his person while on the water proof of commercial marine insurance.

Present law provides that a person violating the license requirements for charter fishing for a second time will only be allowed to operate a vessel with a monitoring system for three years, and for a third time will only be allowed to operate a vessel with a monitoring system for 10 years.

Proposed law adds a penalty for a first offense violation of the charter fishing licensing requirements of up to \$1000.

(Amends R.S. 56:302.9(A)(1) and (2) and (J)(1))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Natural Resources and Environment to the original bill:

1. Make technical changes.
2. Remove requirement for freshwater charter fishing guides to obtain a U.S. Coast Guard captain's license.
3. Reinstate language in current law requiring the Dept. of Wildlife and Fisheries to provide written notification to freshwater charter fishing guides that they may be subject to additional legal requirements, including the requirement to obtain a U.S. Coast Guard captain's license.
4. Change the insurance requirement for charter fishing guides from liability insurance to commercial marine insurance.