

2024 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 661

BY REPRESENTATIVE BRYANT

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 56:302.9(A)(1) and (2) and (J)(1) and to enact R.S.
3 56:301.10(B)(10) and (11), relative to charter boat fishing guides; to require
4 commercial marine insurance for charter boat fishing guides; to provide for
5 penalties; to provide for the membership of the Louisiana Finfish Task Force; and
6 to provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 56:302.9(A)(1) and (2) and (J)(1) are hereby amended and reenacted
9 and R.S. 56:301.10(B)(10) and (11) are hereby enacted to read as follows:

10 §301.10. Louisiana Finfish Task Force

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12 B. The task force shall be composed as follows:

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14 (10) One member appointed by the governor to be selected from a list of two
15 nominees submitted by the Louisiana Charter Boat Association.

16 (11) One member appointed by the governor to be selected from a list of two
17 nominees submitted by the Women's Southern Fisheries Alliance.

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1 §302.9. Charter boat fishing guide license; nonresident fee

2 A.(1)(a) No person shall act as nor represent himself to be a saltwater charter
 3 boat fishing guide unless that person possesses a valid state charter boat fishing
 4 guide license, a valid captain's license issued by the United States Coast Guard, proof
 5 of ~~liability~~ commercial marine insurance, and a valid state recreational fishing
 6 license that grants fishing privileges appropriate for his charter activity. In addition,
 7 any person acting as a saltwater charter boat fishing guide who is in charge of the
 8 operation of a vessel shall have his required licenses and proof of ~~liability~~
 9 commercial marine insurance on his person while on the water. It shall not be a
 10 violation of this Section for a person to represent himself as a charter boat fishing
 11 guide if that person held a valid license during the previous thirty days but has not
 12 renewed the license.

13 (b) No person shall act as or represent himself to be a freshwater charter boat
 14 fishing guide unless that person possesses a valid state charter boat fishing guide
 15 license, proof of ~~liability~~ commercial marine insurance, and a valid state recreational
 16 fishing license that grants fishing privileges appropriate for his charter activity. In
 17 addition, any person acting as a freshwater charter boat fishing guide who is in
 18 charge of the operation of a vessel shall have his required licenses and proof of
 19 ~~liability~~ commercial marine insurance on his person while on the water. It shall not
 20 be a violation of this Section for a person to represent himself as a charter boat
 21 fishing guide if that person held a valid license during the previous thirty days but
 22 has not renewed the license. The department shall provide written notification to the
 23 holder of a license issued pursuant to this Subparagraph that the holder may be
 24 subject to other requirements of law, including holding a valid captain's license
 25 issued by the United States Coast Guard.

26 (2) The ~~liability~~ commercial marine insurance required by this Subsection
 27 shall be written by an insurance company with at least an A- rating in the latest
 28 printing of the A.M. Best's Key Rating Guide and in a sufficient amount to protect
 29 the public as determined by the commission.

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