RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

ACT 80 (HB 540)

2024 Regular Session

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<u>Existing law</u> establishes the Fishermen's Gear Compensation and Underwater Obstruction Removal Dedicated Fund Account and provides that the purpose of the account is to compensate commercial fishermen for damages they suffer due to underwater obstructions or hazards from natural occurrences, oil and gas activities, or other activities where the obstruction is unknown.

<u>New law</u> adds charter boat fishermen as eligible claimants for compensation from the fund in addition to commercial fishermen.

Effective August 1, 2024.

(Amends R.S. 30:101.9(D)(5))