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## DIGEST

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HB No. 378

**Abstract:** Increases the fees for charter boat guide licenses and "walk on" charter fishing trip licenses.

Present law provides for a \$5 charter passenger fishing trip license for a person fishing with a licensed charter guide on board a vessel. Proposed law provides for an additional fee of \$5.

Present law provides for an annual nonresident charter boat fishing guide license fee of \$1,000 for a vessel carrying up to six passengers and \$2,000 for a vessel carrying more than six passengers. Proposed law provides for an additional fee of \$500 for each license issued.

Proposed law dedicates the revenues received from the additional fees to the Conservation Fund and requires that the monies shall be used by the department for promotion of the charter boat industry, protection of the fishery, and to provide for administrative costs of the fund. Provides that such fees are to be expended for such purposes through the Louisiana Charter Boat Association.

(Amends R.S. 56:302.1(C)(2)(c) and 302.9(C)(2); Adds R.S. 56:10(B)(1)(f) and 302.1 (C)(2)(b))