

2015 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 198

BY REPRESENTATIVE ST. GERMAIN

FISHING/CRABS: Increases fees for participation in the commercial crab fishery

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 56:305(B)(2), relative to commercial crab fishing; to increase
3 the fees for participation in the commercial crab fishery; to increase the dedications
4 to certain accounts from the funds collected by the crab trap gear license; to
5 authorize a tag fee for crab trap identification tags; to establish an exception to the
6 senior commercial fishing license exemption; and to provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 56:305(B)(2) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

9 §305. Commercial gear license; issuance to certain nonresidents prohibited;
10 moratorium on certain new gear licenses; renewals

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12 B. Residents shall pay a commercial gear fee as follows:

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14 (2) Crab traps: ~~thirty-five~~ fifty dollars ~~to use any legal number of crab traps~~
15 for the privilege of using crab traps to fish commercially. In addition to the
16 commercial gear license fee set forth in this Paragraph, if the commission
17 implements a buoy tagging system for identification of the owners of crab traps, a
18 fee not to exceed two dollars per tag may be levied by the department. An amount
19 equal to ~~five~~ ten dollars from each commercial crab trap gear license shall be
20 credited to the Derelict Crab Trap Removal Program Account as provided in R.S.

