

2015 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 668

BY REPRESENTATIVE HILL

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

FISHING/SHRIMP: Repeals the prohibition on enforcement of the federal TEDS in shrimp nets requirement

1 AN ACT

2 To repeal R.S. 56:57.2 as enacted by Act 283 of the 1987 Regular Session of the Louisiana  
3 Legislature and R.S. 56:57.2 as enacted by Act 891 of the 1987 Regular Session of  
4 the Louisiana Legislature, as amended, relative to enforcement of the federal  
5 requirement for the use of turtle excluder devices in shrimp trawls; to repeal the  
6 prohibition on such enforcement; to require the Louisiana Shrimp Task Force to  
7 report to the legislature recommendations for legislation applicable to enforcement  
8 of the federal requirements for the use of turtle excluder devices in shrimp trawls  
9 used in state waters; and to provide for related matters.

10 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

11 Section 1. R.S. 56:57.2 as enacted by Act 283 of the 1987 Regular Session of the  
12 Louisiana Legislature and R.S. 56:57.2 as enacted by Act 891 of the 1987 Regular Session  
13 of the Louisiana Legislature, as amended, are hereby repealed in their entirety.

14 Section 2. No later than February 1, 2018, the Louisiana Shrimp Task Force shall  
15 submit a written report to the House Committee on Natural Resources and Environment and  
16 the Senate Committee on Natural Resources with recommendations for whether or not the  
17 use of turtle excluder devices should be enforced in state waters and the rules and regulations  
18 under which such devices should be enforced in state waters.

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DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Repeals the prohibition on enforcement of the federal rules on the use of turtle excluder devices in shrimp trawls used in state waters.

Present law prohibits the enforcement in state waters of federal regulations that require the use of turtle excluder devices in shrimp trawls until certain conditions and data can be determined and verified.

Proposed law repeals present law. Further requires the Louisiana Shrimp Task Force to submit a written report to the House Comm. on Natural Resources and Environment and the Senate Comm. on Natural Resources by Feb. 1, 2018, with recommendations for whether or not the use of turtle excluder devices should be enforced in state waters and the rules and regulations under which such devices should be enforced in state waters.

(Repeals R.S. 56:57.2 as enacted by Act 283 of the 1987 R.S. and R.S. 56:57.2 as enacted by Act 891 of the 1987 R.S. as amended)