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## DIGEST

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HB 668 Engrossed

2015 Regular Session

Hill

**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.

Proposed law requires wildlife agents to wear body cameras from Aug. 1, 2015 to Aug. 1, 2016, at all times while enforcing turtle excluder device requirements.

Proposed law requires the La. Shrimp Task Force to submit a written report to the House Committee on Natural Resources and Environment and the Senate Committee 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.

Proposed law provides any seafood retailer who boycotts shrimp caught in La. waters after the passage of proposed law shall be ineligible for any tax credit or rebates or any other type of incentive provided by the state.

(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)

### Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Natural Resources and Environment to the original bill:

1. Require wildlife agents to wear body cameras from Aug. 1, 2015 to Aug. 1, 2016, at all times while enforcing turtle excluder device requirements.
2. Make any seafood retailer who boycotts shrimp caught in La. waters after the passage of proposed law ineligible for any tax credit or rebates or any other type of incentive provided by the state.

