

2015 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 198

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1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 56:305(B)(2) and (C)(1), relative to commercial crab fishing; to
3 increase the fees for participation in the commercial crab fishery; to increase the
4 dedications to certain accounts from the funds collected by the crab trap gear license;
5 to establish an exception to the senior commercial fishing license exemption; and to
6 provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

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

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

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

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15 (2) Crab traps: ~~thirty-five~~ fifty dollars ~~to use any legal number of crab traps~~
16 for the privilege of using crab traps to fish commercially. An amount equal to ~~five~~
17 ten dollars from each commercial crab trap gear license shall be credited to the
18 Derelict Crab Trap Removal Program Account as provided in R.S. 56:10(B)(13), and
19 an amount equal to ~~five~~ ten dollars from each commercial crab trap license shall be
20 credited to the Crab Promotion and Marketing Account as provided in R.S.
21 56:10(B)(1)(e). Any resident who holds a senior commercial fishing license shall
22 be exempt from the provisions of this Paragraph.

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