

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

ACT 303 (HB 198)

2015 Regular Session

St. Germain

Prior law provided for a \$35 commercial crab trap gear license fee for any number of legal crab traps. Dedicated \$5 from each license to the Derelict Crab Trap Removal Program Account and \$5 to the Crab Promotion and Marketing Account. Exempted residents who hold a senior commercial fishing license.

New law increases the gear license fee from \$35 to \$50. Increases the two dedications from \$5 to \$10 each. Retains exemption for resident senior commercial license holders.

Existing law provides for a nonresident gear fee equal to four times the resident rate. In the case of prior law applicable to crab trap gear licenses, the nonresident gear fee for crab traps was \$140. Dedicated \$20 from each license to the Derelict Crab Trap Removal Program Account and \$20 to the Crab Promotion and Marketing Account.

New law leaves the nonresident rate at four times the resident rate which would now become \$200 per year and increases the dedications to each program from \$20 to \$40.

Effective Aug. 1, 2015.

(Amends R.S. 56:305(B)(2) and (C)(1))