

1 and three-eighths inches in inside diameter, not including the ring material. The rings
 2 shall be rigid and attached to the trap with material of a **an equal or** smaller diameter
 3 than the wire strands of the trap. Except from April first through June thirtieth and
 4 from September first through October thirty-first, escape ring openings shall not be
 5 obstructed with any material that prevents or hampers exit of crabs. However, the
 6 provisions of this Subsection shall not apply to any crab trap constructed of wire
 7 mesh two and five-sixteenths inches square or greater.

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9 Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not
 10 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature
 11 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If
 12 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become
 13 effective on the day following such approval.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
 of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Alan Miller.

DIGEST

SB 65 Engrossed

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Lambert

Present law requires each crab trap to have a minimum of three escape rings and be placed on the vertical, outside walls flush with the trap floor or baffle, with at least two rings located in the upper chamber.

Proposed law requires a minimum of two escape rings be located in the upper chamber flush with the baffle and requires a minimum of one escape ring be located in the lower chamber no greater than one mesh length from the trap floor.

Proposed law requires all escape rings be located no greater than one mesh length from the corners, beginning on July 1, 2022.

Effective upon signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends R.S. 56:332(K))