

SENATE BILL NO. 273

BY SENATOR HENSGENS

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 56:497(B)(2), relative to taking of bait shrimp; to provide for the
3 duty and authority of the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission; to provide
4 for a special bait dealers permit; to provide for use of certain gear; and to provide for
5 related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 56:497(B)(2) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

8 §497. Saltwater shrimp seasons; bait shrimp

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10 B.(1) * * *

11 (2) Bait shrimp may be taken in state waters during the closed seasons, but
12 only in cast nets; dip nets with a diameter not to exceed three feet operated only by
13 hand without any mechanical device or pulley whatsoever; bait traps; and bait seines
14 in compliance with R.S. 56:323 and 500(B). No bait shrimp may be taken in state
15 waters during closed seasons with the use of a butterfly net, paupier, skimmer net,
16 trawl, night trawl, or beam trawl except **with the special bait dealers permit** as set
17 forth in this Subpart **provided by the commission pursuant to Subsection C of this**
18 **Section.**

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____