

2026 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 203

BY SENATOR LAMBERT

FISH/FISHING. Provides for possession of catch during multiday trip. (8/1/26)

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 56:325(B)(4) and 325.1(A)(4), relative to possession of
3 recreational fish; to provide for a geographic location; to provide for possession
4 limits; to provide for fishing licenses; to provide for largemouth bass and spotted
5 bass; to provide for red drum and spotted sea trout; and to provide for related
6 matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 56:325(B)(4) and 325.1(A)(4) are hereby amended and reenacted to
9 read as follows:

10 §325. Daily take, possession, and size limits; freshwater recreational fish; possession
11 of finfish filets prohibited

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13 B.(1) * * *

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15 (4) The possession limit for largemouth bass (*Micropterus salmoides*) and
16 spotted bass (*Micropterus punctulatus*) taken south of U.S. Highway 90 shall be
17 three times the daily take limit when the fisherman holds and is in possession of a

1 valid recreational fishing license and can show a landing receipt from a public boat
 2 launch located south of U.S. Highway 90 that demonstrates to the satisfaction of the
 3 department that the fisherman has been actively on the water or at a remote camp
 4 that can be accessed only by water for two days or more. The fish shall be kept
 5 whole or whole gutted ~~in separate bags for each species of fish. The bags shall be~~
 6 ~~marked with the date the fish were taken, the species, the number of fish contained~~
 7 ~~in the bag, and the name and license number of the person taking the fish.~~ The fish
 8 shall only be in the possession of the person who took the fish. However, no
 9 fisherman shall be actively fishing or engaged in fishing while in possession of more
 10 than the daily take limit.

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12 §325.1. Size and possession limits; recreational saltwater finfish; penalties

13 A.(1) * * *

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15 (4) The possession limit for red drum and spotted sea trout taken south of
 16 U.S. Highway 90 shall be three times the daily take limit when the fisherman holds
 17 and is in possession of a valid recreational fishing license and can show a landing
 18 receipt from a public boat launch located south of U.S. Highway 90 that
 19 demonstrates to the satisfaction of the department that the fisherman has been
 20 actively on the water or at a remote camp that can be accessed only by water for two
 21 days or more. The fish shall be kept whole or whole gutted ~~in separate bags for each~~
 22 ~~species of fish. The bags shall be marked with the date the fish were taken, the~~
 23 ~~species, the number of fish contained in the bag, and the name and license number~~
 24 ~~of the person taking the fish.~~ The fish shall only be in the possession of the person
 25 who took the fish. However, no fisherman shall be actively fishing or engaged in
 26 fishing while in possession of more than the daily take limit.

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