

2026 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 204

BY SENATOR LAMBERT

FISH/FISHING. Provides for issuance of certain commercial fishing gear licenses. (8/1/26)

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact the heading of R.S. 56:305 and to repeal R.S. 56:305(C)(2), relative
3 to commercial fishing gear; to provide for nonresident commercial gear licenses; to
4 provide for prohibitions; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. The heading of R.S. 56:305 is hereby amended and reenacted to read as
7 follows:

8 §305. Commercial gear license; ~~issuance to certain nonresidents prohibited;~~
9 moratorium on certain new gear licenses; renewals

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11 Section 2. R.S. 56:305(C)(2) is hereby repealed.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Senate Legislative Services. The keyword, summary, and digest do not constitute part of the law or proof or indicia of legislative intent. [R.S. 1:13(B) and 24:177(E)]

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Present law provides for commercial fishing gear licenses and fees. Further prohibits issuance of nonresident gear licenses to persons whose domiciliary state prohibits use of

similar gear.

Proposed law removes the prohibition on issuance of gear licenses to nonresidents.

Effective August 1, 2026.

(Amends the heading of R.S. 56:305; repeals R.S. 56:305(C)(2))