

2026 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 244

BY SENATOR ALLAIN

HUNTERS/HUNTING. Provides for recreational hunting of alligators. (8/1/26)

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 56:256, relative to recreational alligator hunting; to provide for a special
3 season; to provide for taking alligators; to provide for possession; to provide for
4 quotas; to provide for season modifications; to provide for residency; to provide for
5 methods of taking; to provide for harvest hours; to provide for licenses; to provide
6 for tags; to provide for prohibitions; to provide for violations; to provide for
7 Louisiana Wildlife Commission authority; and to provide for related matters.

8 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

9 Section 1. R.S. 56:256 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

10 **§256. Recreational alligator harvest; penalties**

11 **A. Notwithstanding the provisions of R.S. 56:8(92), which defines**
12 **alligators as nongame quadrupeds, the commission may establish a special**
13 **recreational alligator season, independent of the traditional commercial**
14 **alligator season set pursuant to this Subpart.**

15 **B. The commission may establish the season for the recreational taking**
16 **or possession of alligators by area within the state. The commission may also**
17 **establish harvest quotas or tag allotments per area of the state. The commission**

