

2026 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 257

BY SENATOR MYERS

FISH/FISHING. Removes the requirement that certain tags have the social security number of the tag holder. (8/1/26)

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 56:325.4(B)(4) and 406(A)(3)(e), relative to fishing gear; to
3 provide for commercial fishing gear; to provide for pompano strike nets; to provide
4 for required information for tags issued; to remove certain requirements that a tag
5 have the social security number of the holder of the tag; and to provide for related
6 matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 56:325.4(B)(4) and 406(A)(3)(e) are hereby amended and reenacted
9 to read as follows:

10 §325.4. Commercial taking of other saltwater finfish; exceptions; mesh size

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12 B.(1) * * *

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14 (4) Each pompano strike net shall have attached to it a tag issued by the
15 department which states the name; **and** address; ~~and social security number~~ of the
16 owner of the net and the permit number of the permit issued to commercially take
17 black drum (also known as puppy drum), sheepshead, and flounder. ~~The department~~

1 shall not issue any tag to a person who does not have a social security number.

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3 §406. Use of trammel net, seine, gill net, or webbing prohibited in the waters of
4 Breton Islands and Chandeleur Islands; exceptions; penalty

5 A.(1) * * *

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7 (3)(a) * * *

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9 (e) Each pompano strike net shall have attached to it a tag issued by the
10 department which states the name; **and** address, ~~and social security number~~ of the
11 owner of the net and the permit number of the permit issued to commercially take
12 pompano. ~~The department shall not issue any tag to a person who does not have a~~
13 ~~social security number.~~

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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)]

DIGEST

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Present law authorizes the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to adopt rules and regulations for the entry of commercial fishermen into the commercial fishery for certain species that includes black drum, also known as puppy drum. Present law provides for limitation on the use of pompano strike nets for taking black drum. Proposed law retains present law.

Present law prohibits the use of certain nets, including trammel nets, seines, gill nets, or webbing, in the waters of the Breton Islands and Chandeleur Islands, subject to specified exceptions and penalties. Present law further provides requirements applicable to pompano strike nets.

Present law requires that each pompano strike net have attached to it a tag issued by the Dept. of Wildlife and Fisheries stating the name, address, and social security number of the owner of the net and the permit number of the permit issued to commercially take pompano or black drum. Present law further prohibits the department from issuing a tag to any person who does not have a social security number.

Proposed law retains present law except removes the requirement that the tag state the owner's social security number and removes the prohibition against issuing a tag to a person who does not have a social security number.

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(Amends R.S. 56:325.4(B)(4) and 406(A)(3)(e))