

---

## DIGEST

The digest printed below was prepared by House Legislative Services. It constitutes no part of the legislative instrument. The keyword, one-liner, abstract, 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)]

---

HB 757 Original

2026 Regular Session

Cox

**Abstract:** Provides relative to the taking of menhaden.

Present law provides for the taking of freshwater or saltwater fish.

Proposed law retains present law.

Proposed law prohibits any person from knowingly and intentionally authorizing, directing, or having control or ownership of an agent or vessel involved in the taking menhaden for commercial purposes within the area designated by the Dept. of Wildlife and Fisheries pursuant to the Louisiana Administrative Code.

Proposed law provides that notwithstanding the provisions of present law relative to penalties, whoever violates the provisions of proposed law will be held strictly liable for the taking and punished as follows:

- (1) For a first violation, a fine of \$50,000.
- (2) For a second violation, a fine of \$75,000 and the revocation of the violator's commercial fisherman's license for a maximum of 30 days after notice and an opportunity to be heard at an administrative hearing has occurred.
- (3) For a third violation, a fine of \$100,000 and the revocation of the violator's commercial fisherman's license for a maximum of 365 days after notice and an opportunity to be heard at an administrative hearing has occurred.
- (4) For a fourth or subsequent violation, a fine of \$250,000 and the permanent revocation of the violator's commercial fisherman's license after notice and an opportunity to be heard at an administrative hearing has occurred.

Proposed law defines the term "person".

(Adds R.S. 56:320(J))