

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 855

BY REPRESENTATIVE ORGERON

FISHING/NETS: Establishes depth requirements for the commercial use of purse seines

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 56:322(C)(6)(d), relative to use of purse seines; to limit the use of purse seines
3 to water of a certain depth; and to provide for related matters.

4 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

5 Section 1. R.S. 56:322(C)(6)(d) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

6 §322. Seines or nets; size of mesh; classification as to salt or fresh water; crawfish
7 traps

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9 C. The following provisions shall apply to saltwater areas:

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11 (6) Purse Seines.

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13 (d) The use of purse seines shall only be permitted in water with a depth of
14 at least twenty-two feet.

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DIGEST

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Abstract: Limits use of purse seines to water of a certain depth.

Present law provides for use of seines or nets in saltwater areas.

Proposed law limits the use of purse seines to saltwater areas that are at least 22 ft. deep.

(Adds R.S. 56:322(C)(6)(d))