

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 858

BY REPRESENTATIVE RISER

WILDLIFE & FISHERIES: Establishes a public records exemption for Global Positioning System data collected on wildlife and aquatic life

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 44:4(65), relative to global positioning data for individual animals; to

3 establish a public records exemption for Department of Wildlife and Fisheries data

4 that identifies the location of individual animals; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 44:4(65) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

7 §4. Applicability

8 This Chapter shall not apply:

9 * * *

10 (65) To any global positioning data on wildlife or aquatic life collected by

11 or in the possession of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries that would reveal

12 the location of individual animals.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Establishes a public records exemption for Dept. of Wildlife and Fisheries' Global Positioning System (GPS) data on wildlife and aquatic life.

Present law establishes a public records law and exemptions from the public records requirements.

Proposed law retains present law.

Proposed law adds an exemption to the public records laws for GPS data on wildlife and aquatic life that is collected by or in the possession of the Dept. of Wildlife and Fisheries that would reveal the location of individual animals.

(Adds R.S. 44:4(65))