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HB 1189 Reengrossed

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Abstract: Requires freshwater charter boat fishing guides to have a United States Coast Guard captain's license in addition to the state charter boat fishing guide license if operating on waters of the United States located in La.

Present law requires charter boat fishing guides to have a charter boat fishing guide license, proof of commercial marine insurance, and a state recreational fishing license.

Present law further requires that the Dept. of Wildlife and Fisheries provided written notice to freshwater charter boat fishing guides that they may be subject to other legal requirements, including holding a U.S. Coast Guard captain's license.

Proposed law provides that freshwater charter boat fishing guides must have a valid captain's license issued by the U.S. Coast Guard if operating on waters of the U.S. located in La.

Present law requires a nonresident saltwater charter boat fishing guide license be available only to individuals possessing a valid captain's license issued by the U.S. Coast Guard.

Proposed law modifies present law by changing the reference from a nonresident saltwater charter boat fishing guide license to a nonresident charter boat fishing guide license.

(Amends R.S. 56:302.9(A)(1)(b) and (3))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill:

1. Limit the requirement for freshwater charter boat fishing guide's to possess a valid captain's license issued by the United States Coast Guard to apply if the guide is operating in United States waters located within La.
2. Make technical changes.