

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 1189

BY REPRESENTATIVE BRYANT

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 56:302.9(A)(1)(b) and (3), relative to charter boat fishing guides;  
3 to require that freshwater charter boat fishing guides obtain a United States Coast  
4 Guard captain's license if operating on waters of the United States located in  
5 Louisiana; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 56:302.9(A)(1)(b) and (3) are hereby amended and reenacted to read  
8 as follows:

9 §302.9. Charter boat fishing guide license; nonresident fee

10 A.(1)

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12 (b)(i) No person shall act as or represent himself to be a freshwater charter  
13 boat fishing guide unless that person possesses a valid state charter boat fishing  
14 guide license, proof of commercial marine insurance, and a valid state recreational  
15 fishing license that grants fishing privileges appropriate for his charter activity. In  
16 addition, any person acting as a freshwater charter boat fishing guide who is in  
17 charge of the operation of a vessel shall have his required licenses and proof of  
18 commercial marine insurance on his person while on the water. It shall not be a  
19 violation of this Section for a person to represent himself as a charter boat fishing  
20 guide if that person held a valid license during the previous thirty days but has not  
21 renewed the license. The department shall provide written notification to the holder  
22 of a license issued pursuant to this Subparagraph that the holder may be subject to  
23 other requirements of law, including holding a valid captain's license issued by the  
24 United States Coast Guard.

