

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

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Existing 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.

Existing law further requires that the Dept. of Wildlife and Fisheries provide 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.

New 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.

Prior 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.

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

Effective August 1, 2026.

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