

Regular Session, 2014

HOUSE BILL NO. 523

BY REPRESENTATIVE LAMBERT

FISHING/RECREATIONAL: Provides for possession limits for certain species of bass caught in saltwater areas of the state

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 56:325(B)(4), relative to possession limits for recreational fishing; to provide
3 for a possession limit for certain species of bass taken in saltwater areas of the state;
4 and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 56:325(B)(4) is enacted to read as follows:

7 §325. Daily take, possession, and size limits; freshwater recreational fish;
8 possession of finfish filets prohibited

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10 B.

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12 (4) The possession limit for largemouth bass (*Micropterus salmoides*) and
13 spotted bass (*Micropterus punctulatus*) taken in the saltwater areas of the state shall
14 be three times the daily take limit when the fisherman can show a landing receipt
15 from a public boat launch that demonstrates to the satisfaction of the department that
16 the fisherman has been actively on the water or at a remote camp that can be
17 accessed only by water for two days or more. Such fish shall be kept in separate
18 bags for each species of fish and date taken and which shall be marked with the date
19 the fish were taken, the species and the number of fish contained in the bag, and the
20 name and license number of the person taking the fish. The fish shall only be in the

1 possession of the person who took the fish. However, no fisherman shall be actively
2 fishing or engaged in fishing while in possession of more than the daily take limit.

3 The provisions of this Paragraph shall be null and void and of no effect beginning
4 July 1, 2016 and thereafter.

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DIGEST

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Abstract: Allows a possession limit of three times the daily take limit for certain species of bass taken in the saltwater areas under certain circumstances.

Present law provides daily take limits for various species of fish. Further provides for possession limits that are equal to twice the daily take limits.

Proposed law authorizes a possession limit of three times the daily take limit for largemouth bass and spotted bass taken in the saltwater areas of the state. The fisherman must show a landing receipt from a public boat launch that demonstrates that the fisherman was actively on the water or at a remote camp two days or more. Requires the fish to be kept in separate bags for each species of fish and date taken and requires that the bags are marked with the date the fish were taken, the species and the number of fish contained in the bag, and the name and license number of the person who took the fish. Provides that the fish be in the possession of only the person who took the fish. Provides that the increased possession limit be null and void and of no effect beginning July 1, 2016 and thereafter.

(Adds R.S. 56:325(B)(4))