

**HOUSE SUMMARY OF SENATE AMENDMENTS**

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

Synopsis of Senate Amendments	
1.	Specify that this possession limit is applicable in water south of US Hwy 90.
2.	Requires that the fisherman hold and have in his possession a recreational fishing license.
3.	Specify that the fish can be whole or whole gutted.

**Digest of Bill as Finally Passed by Senate**

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 south of US Hwy. 90. The fisherman must hold and be in possession of a recreational fishing license and 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))