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HOUSE BILL NO. 706

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BY REPRESENTATIVE ZERINGUE

FISHING/RECREATIONAL: Relative to possession limits of filleted red drum, spotted sea trout, or Southern flounder on board a vessel while on the water

AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 56:325.1(A)(3), relative to recreational saltwater finfish; to 3 provide for possession limits of certain filleted saltwater finfish on board a vessel 4 while on the water; and to provide for related matters. 5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana: 6 Section 1. R.S. 56:325.1(A)(3) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows: 7 §325.1. Size and possession limits, recreational saltwater finfish; penalties 8 A. 9 10 (3)(a) A recreational saltwater fisherman in possession of a valid basic and 11 saltwater license may possess twice the daily bag limit of red drum and spotted sea 12 trout; however, no person shall be in possession of over the daily bag limit while 13 fishing or while on the water, unless such recreational saltwater fisherman is aboard 14 a trawler engaged in commercial fishing for a consecutive period of longer than 15 twenty-five hours. 16 (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of Subparagraph (a) of this Paragraph 17 and R.S. 56:325.2(A) and (B), while traversing the waterways between a camp 18 owned by the boat operator and a recognized boat ramp, each person on board a 19 vessel may possess up to the bag limit of filleted red drum, spotted sea trout, and 20 Southern flounder provided that the filleted fish are segregated by species into plastic

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global positioning system that can demonstrate to representatives of the department
that the vessel has traveled in a direct route from the camp to the recognized boat
landing.

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Abstract: Authorizes possession of up to the bag limit of filleted red drum, spotted sea trout, or Southern flounder on board a vessel while on the water under certain circumstances.

<u>Present law</u> prohibits possession of over the daily bag limit of red drum, spotted sea trout, or Southern flounder while fishing or while on the water, unless such recreational saltwater fisherman is aboard a trawler engaged in commercial fishing for a consecutive period of longer than 25 hours and the vessel is equipped to cook. Further prohibits the possession of filleted fish while aboard a vessel on the water.

<u>Proposed law</u> allows possession of up to the bag limit of filleted red drum, spotted sea trout, or Southern flounder while traversing the waterways between a camp owned by the boat operator and a recognized boat ramp, provided that the filleted fish are segregated by species into plastic bags or containers that are marked by species and the date caught in order to allow easy identification of the species and amount of fillets and the boat operator has a global positioning system that can demonstrate to representatives of the department that the vessel has traveled in a direct route from the camp to the recognized boat landing.

(Amends R.S. 56:325.1(A)(3))