2015 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 198

BY REPRESENTATIVE ST. GERMAIN

1	AN ACT
2	To amend and reenact R.S. 56:305(B)(2) and (C)(1), relative to commercial crab fishing; to
3	increase the fees for participation in the commercial crab fishery; to increase the
4	dedications to certain accounts from the funds collected by the crab trap gear license;
5	to establish an exception to the senior commercial fishing license exemption; and to
6	provide for related matters.
7	Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
8	Section 1. R.S. 56:305(B)(2) and (C)(1) are hereby amended and reenacted to read
9	as follows:
10	§305. Commercial gear license; issuance to certain nonresidents prohibited;
11	moratorium on certain new gear licenses; renewals
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13	B. Residents shall pay a commercial gear fee as follows:
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15	(2) Crab traps: thirty-five fifty dollars to use any legal number of crab traps
16	for the privilege of using crab traps to fish commercially. An amount equal to five
17	ten dollars from each commercial crab trap gear license shall be credited to the
18	Derelict Crab Trap Removal Program Account as provided in R.S. 56:10(B)(13), and
19	an amount equal to five ten dollars from each commercial crab trap license shall be
20	credited to the Crab Promotion and Marketing Account as provided in R.S.
21	56:10(B)(1)(e). Any resident who holds a senior commercial fishing license shall
22	be exempt from the provisions of this Paragraph.
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1	C.(1)(i) The commercial gear fee for nonresidents is four times the gear fee
2	for residents; however, the nonresident fee for oyster dredges and tongs in particular
3	shall be eight times the fee for residents.
4	(ii) An amount equal to twenty forty dollars for each nonresident

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6 Removal Program Account as provided in R.S. 56:10(B)(13), and an amount
7 equal to twenty forty dollars from each commercial crab trap gear license
8 shall be credited to the Crab Promotion and Marketing Account as provided
9 in R.S. 56:10(B)(1)(e).

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____