

ACT No. 303

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AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 56:305(B)(2) and (C)(1), relative to commercial crab fishing; to increase the fees for participation in the commercial crab fishery; to increase the dedications to certain accounts from the funds collected by the crab trap gear license; to establish an exception to the senior commercial fishing license exemption; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 56:305(B)(2) and (C)(1) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§305. Commercial gear license; issuance to certain nonresidents prohibited; moratorium on certain new gear licenses; renewals

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B. Residents shall pay a commercial gear fee as follows:

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(2) Crab traps: ~~thirty-five~~ fifty dollars ~~to use any legal number of crab traps for the privilege of using crab traps to fish commercially.~~ An amount equal to ~~five~~ ten dollars from each commercial crab trap gear license shall be credited to the Derelict Crab Trap Removal Program Account as provided in R.S. 56:10(B)(13), and an amount equal to ~~five~~ ten dollars from each commercial crab trap license shall be credited to the Crab Promotion and Marketing Account as provided in R.S. 56:10(B)(1)(e). Any resident who holds a senior commercial fishing license shall be exempt from the provisions of this Paragraph.

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