

2016 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 638

BY REPRESENTATIVE GISCLAIR

FISHING/COMMERCIAL: Requires the sale of commercial fishing licenses online

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 56:301.9 and to repeal R.S. 56:303(D), relative to issuance of
3 commercial fishing licenses; to require that such licenses be available for purchase
4 online; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 56:301.9 is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

7 §301.9. Issuance of commercial licenses via Internet transactions

8 ~~Notwithstanding the provisions of R.S. 56:303(D), specifically, and any~~
9 ~~other provision of law to the contrary, the~~ The department may shall promulgate
10 rules and regulations authorizing application and payment via the Internet for new
11 applications for and renewal applications of commercial licenses issued under the
12 provisions of this Part. ~~Such licenses applied and paid for via an Internet transaction~~
13 ~~may be issued to the person who held that same license in the immediately preceding~~
14 ~~license year.~~ The rules shall designate the commercial licenses available for
15 application and purchase via the Internet and may impose a fee not to exceed two
16 dollars per license for use of such application and payment system. The fee shall be
17 used by the department for costs necessary to develop and operate the application
18 and payment system and shall be in addition to any license or transaction fee
19 imposed by a contractor that has been hired by the department to operate the system.
20 The rules shall also specify the payment methods to be used by the system.

1 Section 2. R.S. 56:303(D) is hereby repealed in its entirety.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Requires that commercial fishing licenses be available for purchase online.

Present law provides that commercial fishing licenses can only be purchased during normal working hours in the Baton Rouge or New Orleans office of the Dept. of Wildlife and Fisheries, at any district office located south of I-10, or at the fisheries offices in Bourg and New Iberia.

Proposed law repeals present law.

Present law authorizes the department to promulgate rules authorizing application and payment via the Internet for renewal of commercial fishing licenses. Requires the rules to designate the commercial licenses available via the Internet and authorizes a fee of \$2.00 per license issued via the internet. Requires that the fee be used for the costs of the application and payment system and shall be in addition to any costs for the license. Required the rules to specify the payment methods to be used by the system.

Proposed law requires the department to promulgate rules for online commercial fishing licenses and requires that new applications and renewal applications be accepted. Continues the remainder of present law.

(Amends R.S. 56:301.9; Repeals R.S. 56:303(D))