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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))