

Regular Session, 2010

HOUSE BILL NO. 45

BY REPRESENTATIVE LAMBERT

FISHING/CRABS: Removes requirement for crab trap markers north of the saltwater line

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 56:320(B)(3), relative to taking of crabs; to remove the
3 requirement for a crab trap to have a float and float line if the trap is placed in an
4 area designated as freshwater; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 56:320(B)(3) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

7 §320. Methods of taking freshwater or saltwater fish

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9 B.

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11 (3) Crabs or stone crabs may be taken with any legal crab trap, crab dropnet,
12 trawl, skimmer net, butterfly net, hoop net, trotline, handline, bushline, dip net, or
13 cast net. A dredge shall not be used for the intentional taking of crabs. Crab traps
14 located in areas designated as freshwater ~~north of the northern bank of the~~
15 ~~Intracoastal Waterway and west of Louisiana Highway 70~~ are not required to be
16 marked with a float and float line, unless the trap is placed in a lake.

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DIGEST

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HB No. 45

Abstract: Provides that crab traps are not required to be marked with floats and float lines in the freshwater areas of the state, unless they are placed in a lake.

Present law requires each crab trap to be marked with a float and float line unless that trap is placed in an area designated as freshwater north of the northern bank of the Intracoastal Waterway and west of La. Highway 70.

Proposed law removes the requirement for a float and float line on traps in areas designated as freshwater, unless the trap is placed in a lake.

(Amends R.S. 56:320(B)(3))