

Regular Session, 2010

HOUSE BILL NO. 599

BY REPRESENTATIVE ELLINGTON

WATERWAYS/LAKES: Regulates the use of certain devices on Lake Lafourche in Caldwell Parish

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 56:410.11, relative to fishing in Lake Lafourche in Caldwell Parish; to
3 regulate the use of yo-yos or trigger devices; to regulate the use of trotlines; and to
4 provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 56:410.11 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

7 §410.11. Lake Lafourche in Caldwell Parish; yo-yos, trigger devices, and trotline;
8 use, regulation; penalty

9 A. The use of yo-yos or trigger devices on Lake Lafourche in Caldwell
10 Parish shall be governed by the following terms:

11 (1) No more than fifty yo-yos or trigger devices shall be allowed per person.

12 (2) Each yo-yo or trigger device shall be clearly tagged with the name,
13 address, and telephone number of the owner or user.

14 (3) When used, each yo-yo or trigger device shall be checked at least once
15 every twenty-four hours, and all fish, and any other animal caught or hooked, shall
16 be immediately removed from the device.

17 (4) Each yo-yo or trigger device must be rebaited at least once every twenty-
18 four hours.

1 (5) Except for those metal objects located above the water that are affixed
2 to a private pier, dock, houseboat, or other man-made structure which is designed to
3 be fished from, no yo-yo or trigger device shall be attached to any metal object.

4 (6) Except for a metal object used strictly in the construction of a pier,
5 boathouse, seawall, or dock, no metal object which is driven into the lake bottom, a
6 stump, tree, or the bank of Lake Lafourche shall be used in the lake.

7 (7) When not being used in accordance with R.S. 56:410.8(A)(3), each yo-yo
8 or trigger device shall be removed immediately from Lake Lafourche.

9 B. The use of trotlines on Lake Lafourche in Caldwell Parish shall be
10 governed by the following terms:

11 (1) All trotlines shall be clearly tagged with the name, address, and phone
12 number of the owner or user and the date of placement. The trotline shall be marked
13 on each end with a floating object that is readily visible.

14 (2) At any given time, no person shall set more than three trotlines with a
15 maximum of fifty hooks each.

16 (3) All trotlines shall have an eight-foot cotton leader on each end of the
17 trotline.

18 (4) Except for those metal objects located above the water that are affixed
19 to a private pier, dock, houseboat, or other man-made structure which is designed to
20 be fished from, no trotline shall be attached to any metallic object.

21 (5) Each trotline shall be attended daily when in service.

22 (6) When not in use, each trotline shall be removed from Lake Lafourche by
23 the owner or user.

24 C. A violation of any of the provisions of this Section shall be a class one
25 violation. Additionally, any device found in violation of this Section shall be
26 immediately seized and forfeited to the department.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Regulates the use of yo-yos and trotlines on Lake Lafourche in Caldwell Parish.

Proposed law, relative to yo-yos, limits each person to 50 yo-yos; requires that each be tagged with the name, address, and phone number of the owner; that each one is checked at least once every 24 hours and all fish or other animals caught be removed; that each one be rebaited every 24 hours; prohibits a yo-yo from being attached to a metal object; prohibits the use of any metal object driven into the lake bottom, a stump, or tree, or the bank; and requires the removal of any yo-yo not in use.

Proposed law, relative to trotlines, limits each person to three trotlines; requires that each be tagged with the name, address, and phone number of the owner and a float on each end; prohibits a trotline from being attached to a metal object; requires an eight foot cotton leader on each end of each trotline; requires daily attendance while in service; and requires the removal of any trotline not in use.

(Adds R.S. 56:410.11)