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Lambert

Present law provides for a fresh products license that authorizes a commercial fisherman to sell his catch directly to a consumer within the state. Present law requires commercial fishermen to hold a wholesale/retail dealer's license if the fisherman purchases fish for resale or transports his catch out of the state or sells his catch to retail seafood dealers, restaurants, or retail grocers.

Proposed law adds the authority of a commercial fisherman holding a fresh products license to sell his catch directly to a retail seafood dealer within the state while removing the requirement of holding a wholesale/retail dealer's license for such sales.

Proposed law authorizes the holder of a commercial fisherman's license to transport and sell his own catch to any licensed wholesale/retail seafood dealer located within the state. Proposed law retains present law.

Present law requires the purchase of a retail seafood dealer's license by any person buying, acquiring, or handling, from a Louisiana wholesale/retail seafood dealer any species of fish whether fresh, frozen, processed, or unprocessed, that sells to the consumer for personal or household use and by any person who ships fish out of or within the state to the consumer for personal or household use.

Proposed law adds the authority of a holder of a retail seafood dealer's license to purchase directly from commercial fishermen possessing a fresh products license.

Present law requires restaurants and retail grocers to buy directly only from wholesale/retail seafood dealers licensed in Louisiana. Proposed law retains present law.

Present law requires retail seafood dealers, restaurants, or retail grocers that purchases fish from an out-of-state seller and brings the fish into the state, to only buy directly from those persons from whom the retail seafood dealer, restaurant, or retail grocer can legally purchase fish in the state of purchase. Proposed law retains present law.

Present law requires a restaurant or retail grocer to be licensed in accordance to present law and possess a valid transport license to buy fish from an out-of-state seller and bring the fish into the state. Proposed law retains present law.

Effective on the 60th day after final adjournment.

(R.S. 56:303(A)(2), 303.1.1(A), 306.1(A), 306.4(C)(1), and 303.7(A))