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HOUSE BILL NO. 1044

BY REPRESENTATIVE STUART BISHOP

FISHING: Creates the Louisiana Catch and Cook Program within the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 56:317, relative to fishing; to establish the Louisiana Catch and Cook Program  
3 within the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries; to allow restaurants to prepare  
4 certain recreational fish; to provide for rules and regulations; to provide for a  
5 participation permit; to provide violations; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 56:317 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

8 §317. Louisiana Catch and Cook Program; preparation of recreational fish in  
9 restaurants

10 A. Notwithstanding any provision of the Sanitary Code or any other law or  
11 regulation to the contrary, it shall be lawful for restaurants to receive and prepare any  
12 freshwater or saltwater recreational fish as defined in R.S. 56:8.

13 B.(1) The secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is hereby  
14 authorized to establish the Louisiana Catch and Cook Program, whereby a restaurant  
15 shall be authorized to prepare any fish legally taken by a licensed recreational  
16 fisherman.

17 (2) The program shall be established through the promulgation and adoption  
18 by the department of rules and regulations in accordance with the Administrative  
19 Procedure Act. Such rules and regulations shall include but are not limited to  
20 identification of the recreational fisherman, identification of fish, date and location

1           of the catch, and signage in the restaurant indicating that noncommercial fish are  
2           being prepared in the restaurant.

3                   C. Any restaurant who wishes to participate in the Louisiana Catch and Cook  
4           Program shall apply to the department for the issuance of a participation permit.  
5           There shall be no fee for the applying for or receiving the permit. The permit may  
6           be suspended or revoked by the department for any violation of the rules and  
7           regulations promulgated pursuant to this Section.

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#### DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Creates the Louisiana Catch and Cook Program within the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries.

Proposed law authorizes restaurants to receive and prepare any freshwater or saltwater recreational fish.

Proposed law authorizes the secretary to promulgate rules and regulations for the program and requires such rules include identification of the fisherman, identification of fish, date and location of the catch, and signage in the restaurant indicating that noncommercial fish are being prepared in the restaurant.

Proposed law requires the department to issue permits for restaurants who wish to participate in the program.

Proposed law prohibits any fee for the application or the permit.

Proposed law provides that the permit may be suspended or revoked by the department for any violation of the rules and regulations of the program.

(Adds R.S. 56:317)