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ACT No. 334

HOUSE BILL NO. 719 (Substitute for House Bill No. 109 by Representative Howard)

BY REPRESENTATIVES HOWARD AND ARMES

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AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 56:325(A)(11) and (12), (B), (C), and (D), to enact R.S. 56:325(E), and to repeal R.S. 56:315(A)(13), relative to recreational fishing daily take and possession limits; to provide relative to the possession limit for crappie taken from Toledo Bend Reservoir on a recreational license; to provide relative to possession of fish filets on the water; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 56:325(A)(11) and (12), (B), (C), and (D) are hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 56:325(E) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§325. Daily take, possession, and size limits; freshwater recreational fish; possession of finfish filets prohibited

A. No person shall take in any one day more than the following of each species of fish, of the designated size where specified:

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~~(11)(a) Except as provided in Subparagraph (b) of this Paragraph, the maximum possession limit for catfish caught on a recreational license shall be one hundred. The one hundred fish possessed may be a single species or any combination of blue, channel, or flathead catfish. In addition, a recreational fisherman shall be allowed a daily possession limit of twenty-five undersize catfish, either a single species or any combination of blue, channel, or flathead catfish.~~

~~(b) From July 1, 2004 through June 30, 2008, the maximum possession limit for catfish caught in Toledo Bend Reservoir on a recreational license shall be one hundred twenty-five fish which may be any combination of species of catfish. In addition, a recreational fisherman on Toledo Bend Reservoir shall be allowed a daily~~

1 ~~possession limit of fifty undersize catfish which may be any combination of species~~
 2 ~~of catfish.~~

3 ~~(12)~~ Shad (*Dorosoma* spp.) - maximum allowance of fifty pounds.

4 ~~(13)~~ (12) Crawfish - one hundred fifty pounds.

5 B. ~~No~~ (1) Except as otherwise provided in this Subsection, no person shall
 6 have in his possession more than twice the number of fish specified in any paragraph
 7 of Subsection A of this Section. ~~, except those specified in Paragraph (11). No~~
 8 ~~person shall possess in excess of the limits specified in Paragraph (11) of Subsection~~
 9 ~~A.~~

10 ~~(A)(11)(a)~~ (2) The ~~maximum~~ possession limit for catfish caught on a
 11 recreational license shall be one hundred. The one hundred fish possessed may be
 12 a single species or any combination of blue, channel, or flathead catfish. In addition,
 13 a recreational fisherman shall be allowed a daily possession limit of twenty-five
 14 undersize catfish, either a single species or any combination of blue, channel, or
 15 flathead catfish.

16 (3) The possession limit for crappie caught in Toledo Bend Reservoir and
 17 in Lake D'Arbonne on a recreational license shall be one hundred fish.

18 C. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the
 19 commission may amend by rule, in accordance with the Administrative Procedure
 20 Act, size limits, daily take limits, possession limits, seasons, and times set by law for
 21 freshwater recreational fish. Such limits, seasons, and times may vary between and
 22 among waterbodies based on biological data or for purposes of research or
 23 experimentation. However, the commission shall not amend by rule the provisions
 24 of Paragraph (A)(5) of this Section as it applies to Lake D'Arbonne and Paragraph
 25 (B)(3) of this Section.

26 D. Except as provided in this Subsection, no person shall possess any filleted
 27 fish while aboard a vessel on the water. However, for the purpose of fish
 28 consumption on the water aboard the harvesting vessel, a person shall have no more
 29 than two pounds of finfish filets per person on board the vessel, provided that the

1 vessel is equipped to cook such finfish and such finfish does not exceed the
2 applicable take limit.

3 E. Violation of any of the provisions of this Section constitutes a class two
4 violation.

5 Section 2. R.S. 56:315(A)(13) is hereby repealed in its entirety.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____