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H.B. No. 3497

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the requirement that certain persons taking oysters on
3 a licensed commercial oyster boat obtain a commercial fisherman's
4 license.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

6 SECTION 1. Section 47.002(f), Parks and Wildlife Code, is
7 amended to read as follows:

8 (f) A person who takes or assists in taking oysters on a
9 vessel licensed as a commercial oyster boat under Chapter 76 is
10 ~~[not]~~ required to obtain or possess a general commercial
11 fisherman's license. This subsection does not apply to the holder
12 of a commercial oyster boat captain's license.

13 SECTION 2. Section 76.101(d), Parks and Wildlife Code, is
14 amended to read as follows:

15 (d) Each member of the crew of a licensed commercial oyster
16 boat is required to have a general commercial fisherman's license
17 to take oysters while they are on a licensed boat that is being used
18 to take oysters. This subsection does not apply to the holder of a
19 commercial oyster boat captain's license.

20 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
21 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
22 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
23 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
24 Act takes effect September 1, 2023.