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H.B. No. 2218

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to creating a Class C menhaden boat license; imposing a fee; requiring a license.

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

SECTION 1. Section 47.008, Parks and Wildlife Code, is amended by amending Subsections (a) and (d) and adding Subsection (a-1) to read as follows:

(a) A boat may not be used for the purpose of catching, storing, and transporting menhaden in tidal water unless the owner of the boat has acquired:

(1) a Class A menhaden boat license; or

(2) a Class C menhaden boat license.

(a-1) The holder of a Class C menhaden boat license may not take or harvest from the public water of the state more than 300 pounds a day of menhaden or an amount set by the department.

(d) The commission shall set the license fee for each ~~Class B~~ menhaden boat for each yearly period:

(1) in an amount not less than \$2,000 for a Class A menhaden boat license;

(2) in an amount not to exceed \$50 for a Class B menhaden boat license; and

(3) at \$420 for a Class C menhaden boat license.

SECTION 2. Section 47.008(c), Parks and Wildlife Code, is repealed.

1 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.