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S.B. No. 666

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT  
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 unless the person holds a commercial oyster  
12 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 captain of a  
19 licensed commercial oyster boat.

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, 2021.