

1-1 By: Hunter (Senate Sponsor - Kolthorst) H.B. No. 3522
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 3, 2021;
1-3 May 10, 2021, read first time and referred to Committee on Water,
1-4 Agriculture & Rural Affairs; May 19, 2021, reported favorably by
1-5 the following vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0; May 19, 2021, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to the requirement that certain persons taking oysters on
1-20 a licensed commercial oyster boat obtain a commercial fisherman's
1-21 license.

1-22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-23 SECTION 1. Section 47.002(f), Parks and Wildlife Code, is
1-24 amended to read as follows:

1-25 (f) A person who takes or assists in taking oysters on a
1-26 vessel licensed as a commercial oyster boat under Chapter 76 is
1-27 ~~not~~ required to obtain or possess a general commercial
1-28 fisherman's license unless the person holds a commercial oyster
1-29 boat captain's license.

1-30 SECTION 2. Section 76.101(d), Parks and Wildlife Code, is
1-31 amended to read as follows:

1-32 (d) Each member of the crew of a licensed commercial oyster
1-33 boat is required to have a general commercial fisherman's license
1-34 to take oysters while they are on a licensed boat that is being used
1-35 to take oysters. This subsection does not apply to the captain of a
1-36 licensed commercial oyster boat.

1-37 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
1-38 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
1-39 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
1-40 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
1-41 Act takes effect September 1, 2021.

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