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MONTHLY FISH CATCH REPORT

House Bill 4750

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Committee: Tourism, Fisheries &
Wildlife**

Complete to 4-29-91

A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 4750 AS INTRODUCED 4-25-91

Public Act 22 of 1989 added provisions to the charter and livery boat safety act which, among other things, require the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to develop a system to require charter boat operators to complete and return monthly reports on the number, type, and location of fish taken from their boats when operated in state waters. The bill would amend the act to require the department to develop procedures that ensured charter boat operators maintained daily trip records of fishing activities. Also, the bill specifically would require charter boat operators to complete the catch activity form and return it to the DNR on or before the last day of each month. If this was not done within 30 days after the form's due date, the department would have to notify the operator of his or her noncompliance with this requirement. If, after 60 days, the required form still had not been submitted, the DNR would have to revoke the charter operator's state pilot's license. A charter operator aggrieved by action of the DNR could appeal the action to the Natural Resources Commission pursuant to the Administrative Procedures Act.

The act currently specifies that the section requiring the department to develop monthly catch report forms for charter operators to complete and submit to it will be repealed two years after the act's effective date (or May 17, 1991). The bill would delete this sunset provision from the act.

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