

§6313. For-hire charter boat operator's license**(CONTAINS TEXT WITH VARYING EFFECTIVE DATES)****(WHOLE SECTION TEXT EFFECTIVE 1/01/26)**

1. License required. A person may not engage in the activities authorized under this section without a current for-hire charter boat operator's license.

[PL 2025, c. 155, §5 (NEW); PL 2025, c. 155, §6 (AFF).]

2. Licensed activity. The holder of a for-hire charter boat operator's license may take paying passengers recreationally fishing for fish in the coastal waters of the State on the vessel identified on that for-hire charter boat operator's license. The license does not authorize the holder or the holder's passengers to sell any fish taken under this license.

[PL 2025, c. 155, §5 (NEW); PL 2025, c. 155, §6 (AFF).]

3. Agent fees. A fee may not be charged for a for-hire charter boat operator's license under this section. A person seeking a license through an agent may be charged an agent fee of \$2. A person seeking a license through a publicly accessible online electronic system for licensing may be charged an agent fee of \$1. A person seeking a license at an office of the department from a department employee may be charged an agent fee of \$1.

[PL 2025, c. 155, §5 (NEW); PL 2025, c. 155, §6 (AFF).]

4. Eligibility. A for-hire charter boat operator's license may be issued only to an individual. A for-hire charter boat operator's license may be issued to an individual only if the individual:

A. Possesses a valid United States merchant marine document issued by the United States Coast Guard for an operator of uninspected passenger vessel or master or mate captain's license; or [PL 2025, c. 155, §5 (NEW); PL 2025, c. 155, §6 (AFF).]

B. Holds a current guide license for tidewater fishing as provided by rule pursuant to section 12853. [PL 2025, c. 155, §5 (NEW); PL 2025, c. 155, §6 (AFF).]

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5. Violation. A person who violates this section commits a civil violation for which a fine of not less than \$100 nor more than \$500 may be adjudged.

[PL 2025, c. 155, §5 (NEW); PL 2025, c. 155, §6 (AFF).]

SECTION HISTORY

PL 2025, c. 155, §5 (NEW). PL 2025, c. 155, §6 (AFF).

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