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SYNOPSIS:

Under existing law, a person must possess a license to fish in any public fresh or saltwaters in this state.

This bill would exempt fishing in waters in which a jubilee is occurring from this licensure requirement.

A BILL
TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

Relating to fishing licenses; to exempt fishing in waters in which a jubilee is occurring.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. (a) For the purposes of this section, the term "jubilee" means a natural occurrence in Mobile Bay when a mass of water with a low dissolved oxygen level moves towards the shore thereby forcing fish and shellfish that are attempting to respire between the low-oxygen water and shore.

(b) Notwithstanding Chapter 11 of Title 9, Code of Alabama 1975, a person shall not be required to possess a fishing license to fish in or otherwise take fish and shellfish from waters in which a jubilee is occurring.



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29 (c) This section shall not be construed to exempt
30 fishing or the taking of fish or shellfish from waters in
31 which a jubilee is occurring from regulations regarding the
32 number and size of fish and shellfish which may be taken.

33 Section 2. This act shall become effective on October
34 1, 2025.