

Regular Session, 2014

HOUSE BILL NO. 1082

BY REPRESENTATIVE STUART BISHOP

FISHING/LICENSES: Imposes an additional fee on the sale of saltwater fishing licenses and dedicates the revenues

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 56:302.1(C)(1)(a) and to enact R.S. 56:10(B)(1)(h), relative to
3 saltwater fishing licenses; to increase the fee for saltwater fishing licenses; to
4 dedicate the funds derived from the increased cost to saltwater fish research and
5 conservation; to create the Saltwater Fish Research and Conservation Fund; and to
6 provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 56:302.1(C)(1)(a) is hereby amended and reenacted and R.S.
9 56:10(B)(1)(h) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

10 §10. Annual report to governor; estimate of proposed expenditures; particular funds;
11 warrants; vouchers; surplus funds

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13 B.(1) Subject to the exception contained in Article VII, Section 9(A) of the
14 Constitution of Louisiana, all funds collected by the commission from every source
15 shall be paid into the state treasury and shall be credited to the Bond Security and
16 Redemption Fund. Out of the funds remaining in the Bond Security and Redemption
17 Fund after a sufficient amount is allocated from that fund to pay all obligations
18 secured by the full faith and credit of the state which become due and payable within

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1 any fiscal year, the treasurer shall, prior to placing such remaining funds in the state
2 general fund, conform to the following:

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4 (h) Pay annually into the Conservation Fund, into a special account entitled
5 the "Saltwater Fish Research and Conservation Fund", an amount equal to seven
6 dollars and fifty cents for each resident saltwater license sold pursuant to
7 56:302.1(C)(1)(a) and paid into the treasury by the commission. Such funds shall
8 be used by the office of fisheries for data collection and management and
9 conservation of recreational saltwater fish species.

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11 §302.1. Annual license; temporary license; fees; saltwater fee; exemptions

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13 C.(1)(a) In addition to the annual basic recreational fishing license, any
14 person fishing in the saltwater areas of the state defined in R.S. 56:322 must
15 purchase a saltwater license. The fee for the annual saltwater license is ~~five dollars~~
16 ~~and fifty cents~~ thirteen dollars for residents and thirty dollars for nonresidents. For
17 each resident saltwater license sold, seven dollars and fifty cents shall be deposited
18 into the Saltwater Fish Research and Conservation Fund created in 56:10(B)(1)(h).
19 As a condition of the application for and the granting of the saltwater license, all
20 saltwater finfish caught or transported by the license holder while the license is in
21 effect are presumed to have been taken in the waters of Louisiana.

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23 Section 2. This Act shall become effective on June 1, 2014; if vetoed by the
24 governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become effective on
25 June 1, 2014, or on the day following such approval by the legislature, whichever is later.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Increases the saltwater fishing license fee and dedicates the revenues to saltwater fisheries management and conservation.

Present law requires a saltwater fishing license in order to fish for saltwater fish in Louisiana. Provides for a \$5.50 fee for purchase of such license for residents and \$30 for non-residents.

Proposed law increases the resident license fee from \$5.50 to \$13.00. Provides for \$7.50 for each license sold to be deposited into the Saltwater Fish Research and Conservation Fund. Proposed law creates such fund and provides that the revenues deposited into the fund be used by the office of fisheries of the Dept. of Wildlife and Fisheries for data collection and management of recreational saltwater fisheries species.

Effective June 1, 2014.

(Amends R.S. 56:302.1(C)(1)(a); Adds R.S. 56:10(B)(1)(h))