

SENATE BILL NO. 188

BY SENATORS ALARIO, APPEL, MARTINY AND MORRELL AND
REPRESENTATIVES GIROD JACKSON, LABRUZZO AND
TEMPLET

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 27:93(A)(4)(a), relative to the Louisiana Riverboat Economic Development and Gaming Control Act; to provide for the expenditure of riverboat gaming revenue in the parish of Jefferson; and to provide for related matters.

Notice of intention to introduce this Act has been published.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 27:93(A)(4)(a) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§93. Authorization of local governing authorities; fees; regulation; local option

A. * * *

(4) The admission fee which the local governing authority of the parish or municipality may levy when the riverboat is licensed to operate within the unincorporated area of Jefferson Parish on the West Bank of the Mississippi River shall be calculated by the parish council and shall be six percent of the weekly net gaming proceeds of that riverboat. The first two hundred thousand dollars of these monies shall be allocated for and distributed to the West Bank Civic and Sports Center for operations of the center. Thereafter, the proceeds from the remainder of such fees shall be allocated as follows:

(a) Thirty-two percent to the parish governing authority of Jefferson Parish which shall be expended solely within the unincorporated areas of Jefferson Parish on the West Bank of the Mississippi River or within any incorporated area on the West Bank of the Mississippi River on any property, building, or facility owned by Jefferson Parish for the purposes of providing emergency services, drainage, or flood

protection. **Of this amount, a one time expenditure not to exceed one million dollars shall be authorized to provide for construction, repairs, or rehabilitation of storm-damaged properties for the towns of Grand Isle and Lafitte.**

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Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become effective on the day following such approval.

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____