

2018 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 784

BY REPRESENTATIVES MCFARLAND, BISHOP, AND REYNOLDS

BOATS/SHIPS/VESSELS: Increases boat registration fees

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 34:851.20(A)(1) and 851.32, relative to boat and to provide for
3 boat registration and numbering; to provide for fees; to provide for the dedication of
4 revenue; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 34:851.20(A)(1) and 851.32 are hereby amended and reenacted to
7 read as follows:

8 §851.20. Identification number

9 A.(1) The owner of each motorboat or sailboat requiring numbering by this
10 state shall file an application for number with the Department of Wildlife and
11 Fisheries on forms approved by it. The application shall be signed by the owner of
12 the motorboat or sailboat and shall be accompanied by a the appropriate fee as
13 follows:

14 (a) For a boat ~~which~~ that is fourteen feet or less in length, the fee shall be
15 ~~twenty~~ twenty-nine dollars.

16 (b) For a boat ~~which~~ that is more than fourteen feet and less than eighteen
17 feet in length, the fee shall be ~~twenty-five~~ thirty-four dollars.

18 (c) For a boat ~~which~~ that is eighteen feet in length or greater, the fee shall be
19 ~~thirty~~ thirty-nine dollars plus an additional two dollars for each foot or portion of a
20 foot in length greater than eighteen feet.

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1 §851.32. Disposition of funds

2 A.(1) Funds accruing to the state of Louisiana from registration fees paid by
3 owners of motorboats and sailboats shall be paid into the state treasury and shall be
4 credited to the Bond Security and Redemption Fund. Out of the funds remaining in
5 the Bond Security and Redemption Fund, after a sufficient amount is allocated from
6 that fund to pay all obligations secured by the full faith and credit of the state which
7 become due and payable within any fiscal year, the treasurer shall, prior to placing
8 such remaining funds in the State General Fund, pay into the Conservation Fund of
9 the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission an amount equal to the total
10 amount, less the amounts provided in Paragraph (2) of this Subsection, of the sums
11 recovered as registration fees in R.S. 34:851.20 and R.S. 34:851.23 of this Part for
12 the purpose of administering and enforcing the provisions of this Part or for such
13 other purposes as may be determined by said commission.

14 (2) The treasurer shall pay an amount equal to nine dollars of every fee
15 collected for registering a motorboat and sailboat pursuant to R.S. 34:851.20(A)(1)
16 into the Aquatic Plant Control Fund created by R.S. 56:10.1.

17 B. The revenues derived from the registration fees paid into the Conservation
18 Fund shall be made available for the purpose of providing the necessary additional
19 funds for the administration and enforcement of the provisions of this Part or for
20 such other purposes as may be determined by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries
21 Commission.

22 Section 2. R.S. 34:851.20(A)(1) and 851.32 are hereby amended and reenacted to
23 read as follows:

24 §851.20. Identification number

25 A.(1) The owner of each motorboat or sailboat requiring numbering by this
26 state shall file an application for number with the Department of Wildlife and
27 Fisheries on forms approved by it. The application shall be signed by the owner of
28 the motorboat or sailboat and shall be accompanied by ~~a~~ the appropriate fee as
29 follows:

1 (a) For a boat ~~which~~ that is fourteen feet or less in length, the fee shall be
2 ~~twenty-nine~~ twenty dollars.

3 (b) For a boat ~~which~~ that is more than fourteen feet and less than eighteen
4 feet in length, the fee shall be ~~thirty-four~~ twenty-five dollars.

5 (c) For a boat ~~which~~ that is eighteen feet in length or greater, the fee shall be
6 ~~thirty-nine~~ thirty dollars plus an additional two dollars for each foot or portion of a
7 foot in length greater than eighteen feet.

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9 §851.32. Disposition of funds

10 A.~~(1)~~ Funds accruing to the state of Louisiana from registration fees paid by
11 owners of motorboats and sailboats shall be paid into the state treasury and shall be
12 credited to the Bond Security and Redemption Fund. Out of the funds remaining in
13 the Bond Security and Redemption Fund, after a sufficient amount is allocated from
14 that fund to pay all obligations secured by the full faith and credit of the state which
15 become due and payable within any fiscal year, the treasurer shall, prior to placing
16 such remaining funds in the State General Fund, pay into the Conservation Fund of
17 the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission an amount equal to the total
18 amount, ~~less the amounts provided in Paragraph (2) of this Subsection,~~ of the sums
19 recovered as registration fees in R.S. 34:851.20 and R.S. 34:851.23 of this Part for
20 the purpose of administering and enforcing the provisions of this Part or for such
21 other purposes as may be determined by said commission.

22 ~~(2) The treasurer shall pay nine dollars of every fee collected for registering~~
23 ~~a motorboat and sailboat pursuant to R.S. 34:851.20(A)(1) into the Aquatic Plant~~
24 ~~Control Fund created by R.S. 56:10.1.~~

25 B. The revenues derived from the registration fees ~~paid into the Conservation~~
26 ~~Fund~~ shall be made available for the purpose of providing the necessary additional
27 funds for the administration and enforcement of the provisions of this Part or for
28 such other purposes as may be determined by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries
29 Commission.

1 Section 3. The provisions of Section 1 of this Act and this Section shall become
2 effective August 1, 2018. The provisions of Section 2 of this Act shall become effective
3 August 1, 2023.

DIGEST

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HB 784 Engrossed

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McFarland

Abstract: Increases boat registration fees and dedicates the revenue to the Aquatic Plant Control Fund.

Present law requires that each owner of a motorboat or sailboat required to be numbered by the state to submit an application to the Dept. of Wildlife and Fisheries accompanied by a designated fee based on the length of the boat.

Proposed law increases the fee for 5 years as follows:

Boat Length	Present Fee	Proposed Fee
14 ft. or less	\$20	\$29
>14 ft. and < 18 ft.	\$25	\$34
>18 ft.	\$30 +\$2 per ft.	\$39+\$2 per ft.

Proposed law dedicates the revenue from the increases to the Aquatic Plant Control Fund.

Present law creates the Aquatic Plant Control Fund to fund the aquatic plant control program and to fund cooperative research and public education efforts by the Dept. of Wildlife and Fisheries and the LSU Agricultural Center relative to aquatic weed control and eradication.

(Amends R.S. 34:851.20(A)(1) and 851.32)