

GREEN SHEET REDIGEST

HB 198

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(KEYWORD, SUMMARY, AND DIGEST as amended by Senate committee amendments)

**FUNDS/FUNDING: Provides relative to distribution of funding from the Traumatic Head and Spinal Cord Injury Trust Fund.**

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DIGEST

Present law sets forth the purposes of present law is to provide for the development of a rehabilitation program for persons disabled by traumatic head and spinal cord injuries through the establishment of a trust fund in the state treasury to be funded by additional fees imposed on certain motor vehicle violations. Present law further provides that the purpose of the Traumatic Head and Spinal Cord Injury Trust Fund is to provide Louisiana citizens who survive traumatic head or spinal cord injuries a source of funds for services enabling them to return to a reasonable level of functioning and independent living in their communities. Proposed law clarifies that the person who survives a traumatic head or spinal cord injury may with assistance return to functioning and independent living.

Present law establishes the Traumatic Head and Spinal Cord Injury Trust Fund to provide citizens who survive traumatic head or spinal cord injuries a source of funds for services enabling them to return to a reasonable level of functioning and independent living.

Present law provides that money in the fund be distributed as a source of last resort after the use of all available private and governmental funds.

Proposed law retains present law provision that requires the fund be used as a fund of last resort but deletes reference to private and governmental funds to specify that the fund shall be used after Medicare and Medicaid sources have been exhausted.

Effective upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends R.S. 46:2635(A))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Finance to the engrossed bill

1. Sets forth the purposes for proposed law.