ACT No. 41

HOUSE BILL NO. 4

BY REPRESENTATIVE BISHOP

1	AN ACT
2	To amend and reenact R.S. 56:10(B)(1)(g)and (16)(a) and 302.1(C)(1)(c) and to enact R.S.
3	56:10(B)(16)(d) and 639.8(E)(4), relative to saltwater fishing licenses; to extend the
4	applicability of an additional fee for purchase of a saltwater fishing license; to allow
5	for the increase of an additional fee for purchase of a saltwater fishing license; to
6	provide for the sources of revenue for a saltwater fish stock estimate; to require an
7	annual report to certain legislative committees; to provide for an effective date; and
8	to provide for related matters.
9	Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
10	Section 1. R.S. 56:10(B)(1)(g) and (16)(a) and 302.1(C)(1)(c) are hereby amended
11	and reenacted and R.S. 56:10(B)(16)(d) and 639.8(E)(4) are hereby enacted to read as
12	follows:
13	§10. Annual report to governor; estimate of proposed expenditures; particular funds;
14	limitations on purposes for use of monies in particular funds; warrants;
15	vouchers; surplus funds
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17	B.(1) Subject to the exception contained in Article VII, Section 9(A) of the
18	Constitution of Louisiana, all funds collected by the commission from every source
19	shall be paid into the state treasury and shall be credited to the Bond Security and
20	Redemption Fund. Out of the funds remaining in the Bond Security and Redemption
21	Fund after a sufficient amount is allocated from that fund to pay all obligations
22	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	(g) Between June 1, 2014, and May 31, 2018 <u>2022</u> , pay annually into
5	the Conservation Fund, into a special account designated as the "Saltwater
6	Fish Research and Conservation Fund", an amount equal to the fees collected
7	pursuant to R.S. 56:302.1(C)(1)(c).
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9	(16)(a) The monies in the Saltwater Fish Research and Conservation Fund
10	shall be used solely for the administration and conducting of the Louisiana
11	Recreational Creel Survey (LACREEL), and the Recreational Offshore Landing
12	Permit program (ROLP), and the saltwater fish stock estimate.
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14	(d) The department shall make an annual report to the Senate Committee on
15	Natural Resources and the House Committee on Natural Resources and Environment
16	on the progress and effectiveness of LACREEL and the saltwater fish stock estimate.
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18	§302.1. Annual license; temporary license; fees; saltwater fee; exemptions
19	* * *
20	C.(1)
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22	(c) Between June 1, 2014, and May 31, 2018 <u>2022</u> , in addition to the fee
23	required by Subparagraph (a) of this Paragraph for purchase of a saltwater fishing
24	license, there shall be an additional fee of seven dollars and fifty cents to be paid for
25	each license purchased by a resident that shall be credited to the Saltwater Fish
26	Research and Conservation Fund, R.S. 56:10(B)(1)(g). The commission is
27	authorized to increase the additional fee to an amount not to exceed nine dollars and

conducting of the saltwater fish stock estimate.

fifty cents. The increase in the additional fee shall be used for the administration and

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HB NO. 4 **ENROLLED** 1 §639.8. Department of Wildlife and Fisheries; Artificial Reef Development Fund 2 3 E.(1)4 (4) In addition to the expenditures authorized in Paragraphs (1), (2), and (3) 5 6 of this Subsection and prior to depositing expenditures authorized in Paragraphs (1), 7 (2), and (3) of this Subsection, an amount not to exceed two million dollars of the 8 fund may be used by the department for the administration and conducting of the 9 saltwater fish stock estimate. 10 11 Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not 12 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature 13 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If 14 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become 15 effective on the day following such approval. SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: ____