## RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

**ACT 87 (HB 564)** 

**2025 Regular Session** 

**Jacob Landry** 

Existing law (R.S. 56:10) provides for annual reports to the governor, limits purposes for use of money in certain funds, and provides for the creation of special funds and accounts within the Conservation Fund. New law adds the Conservation Incentive Program Account to the list of special accounts created in existing law.

<u>New law</u> (R.S. 56:1938.2) establishes the Conservation Incentive Program within the Dept. of Wildlife and Fisheries (dept.) to assist private landowners with improving wildlife habitat on their property.

<u>New law</u> restricts awarding of grants to fiscal years in which the dept. receives an appropriation for the program. Further authorizes the dept. to seek additional funding through federal grant programs and other public and private funding sources and to select recipients.

<u>New law</u> requires the dept. to promulgate and adopt rules pursuant to the Administrative Procedure Act for the implementation of the Conservation Incentive Program.

Effective subject to appropriation of monies by the legislature for the implementation of <u>new law</u>.

Effective upon appropriation.

(Adds R.S. 56:10(B)(20), 1938.1, and 1938.2)