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HOUSE BILL NO. 784

BY REPRESENTATIVE WILLMOTT

CULTURE/REC/TOUR: Removes provisions relative to the exhibit of a specific ship by the Kenner Naval Museum

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 25:1005, 1005.2, and 1005.3(A), relative to the Kenner Naval

Museum Commission; to remove provisions relative to acquisition and exhibit of a

specific ship by the museum; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 25:1005, 1005.2, and 1005.3(A) are hereby amended and reenacted

to read as follows:

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§1005. Legislative intent

The legislature hereby recognizes that it is appropriate to establish a naval museum on the Mississippi River at Kenner and that including a naval vessel of historic significance as part of such museum will be a significant factor in its effectiveness. The legislature finds that such a museum would be an excellent educational and historical facility for Louisianians, especially school children, and would also be a distinctive attraction to visitors to Louisiana and that the location of such a facility at Kenner would complement and be complemented by the many museums and other visitor attractions located there. The legislature recognizes that the museum would also pay fitting tribute to those citizens of Louisiana who participated in the naval engagements of our past wars. The legislature therefore further recognizes the desirability of including as part of the museum the U.S.S.

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CODING: Words in struck through type are deletions from existing law; words <u>underscored</u> are additions.

1	Cabot-Dedalo, formerly an aircraft carrier of the United States Navy which was
2	involved in virtually the entire Pacific campaign in World War II and which later
3	was the flagship of the Spanish Navy.
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5	§1005.2. Duties
6	A. The commission shall have authority to acquire, lease, transport, berth,
7	renovate, equip, operate, and maintain, and to exhibit the aircraft carrier U.S.S.
8	Cabot-Dedalo or, if acquisition thereof becomes impossible or impractical, then any
9	other property acquired for use as a permanent naval museum, and to adopt rules and
10	regulations for the use of such museum and its properties.
11	B. The commission may have control over the aircraft carrier U.S.S. Cabot-
12	Dedalo or other any naval museum vessel it acquires, and shall have control over any
13	improvements and exhibits located thereon and any additions constructed, created,
14	leased, acquired, or erected in connection therewith.
15	C. The commission shall select a site for permanently docking the U.S.S.
16	Cabot-Dedalo or other any naval museum vessel it acquires at Kenner and make all
17	necessary arrangements for leasing or acquiring a location for its exhibition.
18	D. The commission shall be responsible for all distribution and collection of
19	funds connected with this project. It is also authorized to contract for, receive,
20	accept, and expend any funds made available from public or private sources. No
21	employees of the commission shall be deemed to be employees of the state or be
22	entitled to join the state retirement system.
23	E. The commission is authorized and empowered to contract for professional
24	management of all or part of the operations of the U.S.S. Cabot-Dedalo, or other any
25	naval vessels it acquires and related facilities.
26	F. The commission shall have the authority to contract with the U.S.O., U.S.
27	Navy and any other branch of the U.S. Armed Services, other naval and military
28	museums, military and quasi-military organizations, corporations, individuals, and
29	other legal entities for the purpose of soliciting and acquiring exhibits, equipment,

1	additional improvements, films, videos, photographs, and memorabilia for public
2	display, as well as donations for the acquisition of such items, and for events on the
3	U.S.S. Cabot-Dedalo, or other any naval vessel it acquires.
4	§1005.3. Authority to acquire, lease, construct, and finance certain facilities and
5	improvements
6	A. The Kenner Naval Museum Commission, in addition to those duties
7	specified in R.S. 25:1005.2, shall have the authority to acquire, lease, construct, and
8	finance a landing facility for commercial excursion boats, an observation area, a
9	platform for tourist related recreational projects, and other related improvements to
10	the U.S.S. Cabot-Dedalo and its related museum any naval vessel it acquires, as
11	needed public facilities and improvements, and as a means of enhancing the revenue-
12	producing potential of such facilities. In the exercise of this authority, the
13	commission is further authorized and empowered to enter into and execute an
14	agreement or agreements with the U.S.S. Cabot-Dedalo Foundation, the city of
15	Kenner, the parish of Jefferson, or all of them, hereinafter referred to as the
16	"foundation", the "city", and the "parish", and such entities are likewise authorized
17	to enter into such agreements for participation by the foundation, the city, and the
18	parish in the acquisition, construction, and financing of such facilities and
19	improvements.
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DIGEST

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Willmott HB No. 784

Abstract: Removes provisions relative to the exhibit of the U.S.S. Cabot-Dedalo by the Kenner Naval Museum.

<u>Present law</u> provides with respect to the Kenner Naval Museum and the Kenner Naval Museum Commission. Also provides with respect to certain duties of the commission as well as its authority to acquire, lease, construct, and finance certain facilities and improvements.

<u>Present law</u> provides that part of the museum is the U.S.S. Cabot-Dedalo. Further provides that the duties of the commission include the management and maintenance of the U.S.S. Cabot-Dedalo. Also provides that the commission has the authority to acquire, lease, construct, and finance certain facilities and improvements with respect to the U.S.S. Cabot-Dedalo. <u>Proposed law</u> removes references to the U.S.S. Cabot-Dedalo but retains <u>present law</u> applicable to any naval vessel the commission acquires.

(Amends R.S. 25:1005, 1005.2, and 1005.3(A))