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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
3 Museum Commission; to remove provisions relative to acquisition and exhibit of a
4 specific ship by the museum; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 25:1005, 1005.2, and 1005.3(A) are hereby amended and reenacted
7 to read as follows:

8 §1005. Legislative intent

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

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

Present law 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.

Present law 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. Proposed law removes references to the U.S.S. Cabot-Dedalo but retains present law applicable to any naval vessel the commission acquires.

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