

Regular Session, 2014

HOUSE BILL NO. 1082

BY REPRESENTATIVES STUART BISHOP AND REYNOLDS

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 56:10(B)(1)(g) and 302.1(C)(1)(c), relative to saltwater fishing licenses; to increase the fee for saltwater fishing licenses; to dedicate the funds derived from the increased cost to saltwater fish research and conservation; to create the Saltwater Fish Research and Conservation Fund; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 56:10(B)(1)(g) and 302.1(C)(1)(c) are hereby enacted to read as follows:

§10. Annual report to governor; estimate of proposed expenditures; particular funds; warrants; vouchers; surplus funds

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B.(1) Subject to the exception contained in Article VII, Section 9(A) of the Constitution of Louisiana, all funds collected by the commission from every source shall be paid into the state treasury and shall be credited to the Bond Security and Redemption Fund. Out of the funds remaining in the Bond Security and Redemption Fund after a sufficient amount is allocated from that fund to pay all obligations secured by the full faith and credit of the state which become due and payable within any fiscal year, the treasurer shall, prior to placing such remaining funds in the state general fund, conform to the following:

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1 (g) Between June 1, 2014, and May 31, 2018, pay annually into the
 2 Conservation Fund, into a special account designated as the "Saltwater Fish
 3 Research and Conservation Fund", an amount equal to the fees collected pursuant to
 4 R.S. 56:302.1(C)(1)(c). Such funds shall be used by the office of fisheries for data
 5 collection and management and conservation of recreational saltwater fish species.

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7 §302.1. Annual license; temporary license; fees; saltwater fee; exemptions

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9 C.(1)

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11 (c) Between June 1, 2014, and May 31, 2018, in addition to the fee required
 12 by Subparagraph (a) of this Paragraph for purchase of a saltwater fishing license,
 13 there shall be an additional fee of seven dollars and fifty cents to be paid for each
 14 license purchased by a resident that shall be credited to the Saltwater Fish Research
 15 and Conservation Fund, R.S. 56:10(B)(1)(g).

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17 Section 2. This Act shall become effective on June 1, 2014; if vetoed by the
 18 governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become effective on
 19 June 1, 2014, or on the day following such approval by the legislature, whichever is later.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____