

**ACT No. 139**

2019 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 84

BY REPRESENTATIVE WHITE

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 34:851.32(A)(1), (B), and (C) and R.S. 56:10.2, relative to boat  
3 registration; to provide for the Derelict Houseboat Fund Account and the  
4 Conservation Fund in the state treasury; to provide for the distribution of boat  
5 registration fees; to provide for the use of funds; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 34:851.32(A)(1), (B), and (C) are hereby amended and reenacted to  
8 read as follows:

9 §851.32. Disposition of funds

10 A.(1) Funds accruing to the state of Louisiana from registration fees paid by  
11 owners of motorboats and sailboats shall be paid into the state treasury and shall be  
12 credited to the Bond Security and Redemption Fund. Out of the funds remaining in  
13 the Bond Security and Redemption Fund, after a sufficient amount is allocated from  
14 that fund to pay all obligations secured by the full faith and credit of the state which  
15 become due and payable within any fiscal year, the treasurer shall, prior to placing  
16 such remaining funds in the State General Fund, pay into the ~~Derelict Houseboat~~  
17 Conservation Fund of the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission an amount  
18 equal to the total amount, less the amounts provided in Paragraph (2) of this  
19 Subsection, of the sums recovered as ~~registration fees~~ for motorboat and sailboat  
20 registrations in R.S. 34:851.20 and 851.23 of this Part for the purpose of

1 administering and enforcing the provisions of this Part or for such other purposes as  
2 may be determined by said commission.

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4 B. The revenues derived from the registration fees paid into the ~~Derelict~~  
5 Houseboat Conservation Fund pursuant to Subsection A of this Section shall be  
6 made available for the purpose of providing the necessary additional funds for the  
7 administration and enforcement of the provisions of this Part or for such other  
8 purposes as may be determined by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission.

9 C. Funds accruing to the state of Louisiana from ~~registration~~ the fees paid  
10 ~~by owners~~ for the registration of houseboats shall be paid into the state treasury and  
11 shall be credited to the Bond Security and Redemption Fund. Out of the funds  
12 remaining in the Bond Security and Redemption Fund, after a sufficient amount is  
13 allocated from that fund to pay all obligations secured by the full faith and credit of  
14 the state which become due and payable within any fiscal year, the treasurer shall  
15 pay into the Derelict Houseboat Fund Account an amount equal to the total amount  
16 of the sums recovered as ~~registration~~ fees for houseboat registrations in R.S.  
17 34:851.20 of this Part.

18 Section 2. R.S. 56:10.2 is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

19 §10.2. Derelict Houseboat Fund Account

20 There is hereby created a ~~fund~~ special statutorily dedicated fund account  
21 within the state treasury known as the "Derelict Houseboat Fund Account" which  
22 shall consist of those revenues collected from the registration of houseboats provided  
23 for in R.S. 34:851.32(C). ~~The revenues shall be subject to the same requirements as~~  
24 ~~provided for other revenues placed in the Conservation Fund in Paragraph (1) of this~~  
25 ~~Subsection.~~ Subject to legislative appropriation, ~~The~~ the monies in ~~this fund~~ the  
26 account shall be used ~~solely~~ for the purpose of awarding grants to parish  
27 governments to remove any unattended, derelict, junked, or abandoned houseboat  
28 in any canal, coulee, drainage ditch, outfall canal, bayou, bay, lake, or any other  
29 waterway, whether navigable or not, or on the banks thereof within the state of  
30 Louisiana. An amount not to exceed ten percent of the annual appropriation may be

1           used for the administration and enforcement of this Section and Part IV of Chapter  
2           4 of Title 34 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950. The Louisiana Wildlife and  
3           Fisheries Commission may promulgate rules and regulations in accordance with the  
4           Administrative Procedure Act to provide for the application, administration, and  
5           award of such grants. Monies deposited into the account shall be categorized as fees  
6           and self-generated revenue for the sole purpose of reporting related to the executive  
7           budget, supporting documents, and general appropriation bills.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

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