CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT
House Bill No. 289 By Representative Morris

June 22, 2011

To the Honorable Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives and the Honorable President and Members of the Senate.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We, the conferees appointed to confer over the disagreement between the two houses concerning House Bill No. 289 by Representative Morris, recommend the following concerning the Reengrossed bill:

1. That Senate Committee Amendment No. 1 proposed by the Senate Committee on Finance and adopted by the Senate on June 14, 2011, be adopted.

2. That Senate Floor Amendments Nos. 1 through 4 proposed by Senator Walsworth and adopted by the Senate on June 19, 2011, be adopted.

3. That Senate Floor Amendments Nos. 1 through 6 proposed by Senator Michot and adopted by the Senate on June 19, 2011, be adopted.

4. In Senate Floor Amendments No. 4 proposed by Senator Michot and adopted by the Senate on June 19, 2011, on page 1, at the end of line 15, delete "all" and at the beginning of line 16, delete "revenue" and insert "donations"

5. In Senate Floor Amendments No. 4 proposed by Senator Michot and adopted by the Senate on June 19, 2011, on page 1, line 17, after "47:463.43;" delete "all" and after "received" insert "by the Conservation Fund"

6. In Senate Floor Amendments No. 4 proposed by Senator Michot and adopted by the Senate on June 19, 2011, on page 1, line 18, after "vehicles" delete the comma "," and the remainder of the line and insert "as provided in R.S. 32:412; revenue"

7. In Senate Floor Amendments No. 4 proposed by Senator Michot and adopted by the Senate on June 19, 2011, on page 1, line 19, after "received" insert "by the Conservation Fund"

8. That the following amendment to the reengrossed bill be adopted:

   AMENDMENT NO. 1

   On page 3, line 16, change "September" to "July"

Respectfully submitted,

Representative James Morris	Senator Michael J. "Mike" Michot
Representative James R. Fannin	Senator Mike Walsworth
Representative Eddie J. Lambert	Senator Lydia P. Jackson

DIGEST

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CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT DIGEST

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Keyword and oneliner of the instrument as it left the House

WILDLIFE & FISHERIES DEP: Provides relative to uses and limitations of the Lifetime License Endowment Trust Fund

Report adopts Senate amendments to:

1. Reduces the fee paid by disabled residents for a primitive firearms license from $10.50 to $5.

2. Includes revenue received from litter fines as a source for funding for the litter abatement and education account in the Conservation Fund.

Report amends bill to:

1. To clarify that only the portion of the environmental license plate fee, driver's license fee, and litter fines designated for deposit in the Conservation Fund shall be so deposited.

2. Change the effective date from September 1, 2011 to July 1, 2011.

Digest of the bill as proposed by the Conference Committee

Present law provides for allocation of the revenues from the sale of lifetime hunting and fishing licenses as follows:

(1) Revenues received from the sale of licenses other than the combined senior lifetime licenses – Half of the revenues to the Conservation Fund and half to the Lifetime License Endowment Trust Fund.

(2) Revenues received from sale of combined senior lifetime licenses – $5 for each license issued shall be credited to the Conservation Fund and the remaining revenues to the Lifetime License Endowment Trust Fund.

(3) Revenues received from the sale of lifetime gear licenses – 1/10 of the revenues received shall be credited to the Conservation Fund and the remainder to the Lifetime License Endowment Trust Fund.

Proposed law provides for allocation of the revenues as follow:

(1) Revenues received from the sale of licenses other than the combined senior lifetime licenses – $100 from each license issued shall be credited to the Lifetime License Endowment Trust Fund and the remainder to the Conservation Fund.

(2) Revenues received from the sale of combined senior lifetime licenses – $5 from each license issued shall be credited to the Conservation Fund and the remaining revenues to the Lifetime License Endowment Trust Fund.

(3) Revenues received from the sale of lifetime gear licenses – 1/10 of the revenues shall be credited to the Conservation Fund and the remainder to the Lifetime License Endowment Trust Fund.

Present law provides that the fee for a resident primitive firearms license to take deer during the special deer season for primitive firearms shall be $10.50.

Proposed law retains present law except reduces the fee for disabled residents to $5.

Proposed law provides for the "litter abatement and education account" within the Conservation Fund funded from designated donations from a prestige motor vehicle environmental education license plate, driver's license fee, and litter fines, along with any public or private donations.

Effective July 1, 2011.