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HOUSE BILL NO. 296

BY REPRESENTATIVE GREENE

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 56:639.8(E)(3), relative to the Artificial Reef Development Fund; to allow the monies in said fund to be used by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries for inshore fisheries habitat enhancement projects; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 56:639.8(E)(3) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§639.8. Department of Wildlife and Fisheries; Artificial Reef Development Fund

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(3) In addition to the expenditures authorized in Paragraphs (1) and (2) of this Subsection, an amount not to exceed ten percent of the funds deposited to the fund each year and ten percent of the interest income credited to the fund each year may be used by the department to provide funding for inshore fisheries habitat enhancement projects, particularly in support of the Artificial Reef Development Program established by the department. Such funding may be used for grants to nonprofit conservation organizations working in cooperation with the department.

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Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If

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vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become effective on the day following such approval.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____

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