## **DIGEST**

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**Abstract:** Provides for a feral hog management program at the Dept. of Wildlife and Fisheries and provides funding for such program through an increase in the cost of a basic hunting license.

<u>Proposed law</u> creates the Feral Hog Management Account to be funded from \$2 of the fee required for a basic hunting license. The monies in the account are to be used by the Dept. of Wildlife and Fisheries for programs developed for the management of feral hogs in the state of La., including public awareness programs relative to the activities that spread the incidence of feral hogs in the state and activities that can help manage the incidence of the feral hogs. Requires incorporation of hunter-based solutions based on input from stakeholder groups.

<u>Present law</u> requires a basic hunting license in order to hunt, take, possess, or transport wild birds and quadrupeds. Requires a fee of \$15 for the basic hunting license.

<u>Proposed law</u> increases the basic hunting license fee <u>from</u> \$15 to \$17 and dedicates the equivalent of \$2 to the Feral Hog Management Account.

(Amends R.S. 56:104(A)(1)(a); Adds R.S. 56:10(B)(1)(h) and 104(A)(1)(c))