

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

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Prior law created an account within the Conservation Fund called the "litter abatement and education account". Prior law directed donations from certain prestige license plates, a portion of littering fines and court costs, and a portion of fees collected for the issuance and renewal of driver's licenses into this account to be used for certain environmental education and litter abatement programs and goals.

New law separates this account from prior law into two distinct accounts by repealing the "litter abatement and education account" and creating the "litter abatement account" and the "environmental education account" within the Conservation Fund.

New law provides that the "litter abatement account" be used for litter abatement grants, litter abatement and enforcement, and to support community-based litter abatement programs and provides that a portion of littering fines and court costs and a portion of the fees collected from the issuance and renewal of driver's licenses be paid into this account.

New law provides that the "environmental education account" be used for statewide environmental education, environmental education grant programs, development of environmental education curriculum and teacher education, and litter education and awareness programs and materials. New law also provides that donations from the environmental education special prestige license plate be credited to the account.

Existing law provides fines and special court costs for intentional littering. Prior law directed portions of those fines and special court costs to the litter abatement and education account. New law retains the fines and special court costs for intentional littering under existing law, but directs the portions dedicated to the litter abatement and education account under prior law to the litter abatement account under new law instead.

Existing law provides for fees for the issuance or renewal of driver's licenses. Prior law directed a portion of those fees to the litter abatement and education account. New law retains the same fees, but directs the portions previously dedicated to the litter abatement and education account under prior law to the litter abatement account under new law instead.

Existing law provides for a special prestige license plate for environmental education. Prior law directed a portion of the donation received for purchase of the license plate to the litter abatement and education account. New law retains the same license plate and donation for purchase, but directs the portion of the donation previously dedicated to the litter abatement and education account under prior law to the environmental education account under new law instead.

(Amends R.S. 30:2531(C)(4) and 2532(Section heading) and (A)(5), R.S. 32:412(A)(1), (2), (5), and (6), and (B)(1), (2), and (7)(e)(i)(cc) and (ee) and (ii)(cc) and (ee), R.S. 47:463.43(Section heading), (A), and (D), and R.S. 56:10(B)(15); Adds R.S. 56:10(B)(17); Repeals R.S. 30:2532(B))