
DIGEST

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Abstract: Increases boat registration fees and dedicates the revenue to the Aquatic Plant Control Fund.

Present law requires that each owner of a motorboat or sailboat required to be numbered by the state to submit an application to the Dept. of Wildlife and Fisheries accompanied by a designated fee based on the length of the boat.

Proposed law increases the fee for 5 years as follows:

Boat Length	Present Fee	Proposed Fee
14 ft. or less	\$20	\$29
>14 ft. and < 18 ft.	\$25	\$34
>18 ft.	\$30 +\$2 per ft.	\$39+\$2 per ft.

Proposed law dedicates the revenue from the increases to the Aquatic Plant Control Fund.

Present law creates the Aquatic Plant Control Fund to fund the aquatic plant control program and to fund cooperative research and public education efforts by the Dept. of Wildlife and Fisheries and the LSU Agricultural Center relative to aquatic weed control and eradication.

(Amends R.S. 34:851.20(A)(1) and 851.32)