

2018 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 784

BY REPRESENTATIVES MCFARLAND, BISHOP, AND REYNOLDS

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 34:851.20(A)(1) and 851.32 and R.S. 56:10.1(C), relative to
3 motorboats and sailboats; to provide for boat registration and numbering; to provide
4 for fees; to provide for the dedication of revenue; to provide for the Aquatic Plant
5 Control Fund; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 34:851.20(A)(1) and 851.32 are hereby amended and reenacted to
8 read as follows:

9 §851.20. Identification number

10 A.(1) The owner of each motorboat or sailboat requiring numbering by this
11 state shall file an application for number with the Department of Wildlife and
12 Fisheries on forms approved by it. The application shall be signed by the owner of
13 the motorboat or sailboat and shall be accompanied by a the appropriate fee as
14 follows:

15 (a) For a boat ~~which~~ that is fourteen feet or less in length, the fee shall be
16 twenty dollars.

17 (b) For a boat ~~which~~ that is more than fourteen feet and less than eighteen
18 feet in length, the fee shall be twenty-five dollars.

19 (c) For a boat ~~which~~ that is eighteen feet in length or greater, the fee shall be
20 thirty dollars plus an additional two dollars for each foot or portion of a foot in
21 length greater than eighteen feet.

22 (d) Beginning January 1, 2019, through December 31, 2023, inclusive of
23 both dates, in addition to the fee otherwise required by this Paragraph, a fee of nine

1 to fund cooperative research and public education efforts by the Department of
 2 Wildlife and Fisheries and the Louisiana State University Agricultural Center
 3 relative to aquatic weed control and eradication and aquatic invasive species control
 4 and eradication. An amount not to exceed fifteen percent of the annual appropriation
 5 shall be used to fund research and public education efforts relative to aquatic weed
 6 control and eradication by the Louisiana State University Agricultural Center. The
 7 funds appropriated pursuant to the provisions of this Section shall be in addition to
 8 any other amounts appropriated by the legislature.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____