

2019 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 479

BY REPRESENTATIVE GARY CARTER AND SENATOR CARTER

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 48:25.2, relative to special treasury funds; to establish the New Orleans Ferry
3 Fund; to require the Department of Transportation and Development to provide for
4 continued operation of certain ferries; to provide for the deposit of monies in the
5 fund; to provide for the use of monies in the fund; to provide for an effective date;
6 and to provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 48:25.2 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

9 §25.2. New Orleans Ferry Fund; ferry operations

10 A. There is hereby created, as a special fund in the state treasury, the New
11 Orleans Ferry Fund, hereinafter referred to as the "fund". Notwithstanding any
12 provision of law to the contrary, beginning July 1, 2019, and each fiscal year
13 thereafter, after compliance with the requirements of Article VII, Section 9(B) of the
14 Constitution of Louisiana, and after making the allocation for state highway fund No.
15 2 for the Greater New Orleans Expressway Commission, the treasurer shall deposit
16 into the fund, an amount equal to the total of all of the funds derived from the
17 collection of registration and license fees and taxes collected by the state pursuant
18 to R.S. 47:462, and as provided in R.S. 47:481, in the parish of Orleans.

19 B. The monies in the fund shall be subject to an annual appropriation by the
20 legislature and shall be used only as provided in Subsection C of this Section. The
21 monies in the fund shall be invested by the treasurer in the same manner as the
22 monies in the state general fund, and all interest earned shall be deposited and

1 credited to the fund. All unexpended or unencumbered monies remaining in the fund
2 at the end of the fiscal year shall remain to the credit of the fund.

3 C. Monies appropriated from the fund shall be used exclusively by the
4 Department of Transportation and Development to fund operations of the Chalmette
5 ferry and to provide ferry service formerly operated by its Crescent City Connection
6 Division. These monies shall be in addition to monies the department shall contribute
7 from its operating budget as provided by law.

8 Section 2. This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2019; if vetoed by the governor
9 and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become effective on July 1,
10 2019, or on the day following such approval by the legislature, whichever is later.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____