

2021 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 530

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FEES/LICENSES/PERMITS: Increases hunting license fees for to provide funding for hog eradication and processing program

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 56:104(A)(1) and to enact R.S. 56:10(B)(17), relative to feral  
3 hog eradication, processing, and distribution; to increase hunting license fees; to  
4 dedicate revenue from the increased fee; to create a special account within the  
5 Conservation Fund; to provide for the use of funds; and to provide for related  
6 matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 56:104(A)(1) is hereby amended and reenacted and R.S.  
9 56:10(B)(17) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

10 §10. Annual report to governor; estimate of proposed expenditures; particular funds;  
11 limitations on purposes for use of monies in particular funds; warrants;  
12 vouchers; surplus funds

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14 B.

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16 (17) There is hereby created within the Conservation Fund a special account  
17 known as the "Hunters for the Hungry Hog Eradication and Processing Account",  
18 which shall consist of funds received from revenues as provided in R.S.  
19 56:104(A)(1) and from any other source which may specify deposit to this account.  
20 The revenues in the account shall be subject to the same requirements as other

1 revenues in the Conservation Fund. All expenditures and allocations of funds from  
2 this account shall be used to support hog eradication, where seventy-five cents of  
3 every dollar deposited shall be used for the processing and distribution of hogs  
4 through the Hunters for the Hungry program and the remaining twenty-five cents of  
5 every dollar deposited shall be used for promotion and marketing of the program.

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7 §104. License fees; reciprocity; exceptions

8 A. No license shall be issued under this Part unless there has been previously  
9 paid a fee or fees as hereinafter set forth:

10 (1)(a) Except as specified in Subsection B of this Section, a resident who is  
11 sixteen years of age or older shall purchase and possess a basic hunting license for  
12 a fee of ~~fifteen~~ sixteen dollars in order to hunt, take, possess, or transport wild birds  
13 and quadrupeds on which open seasons are declared. Special additional licenses are  
14 required to hunt, take, possess, or transport deer, turkey, or migratory waterfowl  
15 within the limits of the state. In order to obtain these licenses, a resident must meet  
16 residency requirements as specified in R.S. 56:8 ("Bona fide resident") and present  
17 either a Louisiana driver's license or a special identification card issued by the  
18 Department of Public Safety and Corrections under the provisions of R.S. 40:1321.

19 (b) From each fee collected from the sale of a basic hunting license, an  
20 amount equal to one dollar shall be deposited into the Hunters for the Hungry Hog  
21 Eradication and Processing Account. The remaining fifteen dollars of each fee  
22 collected from the sale of a basic hunting license shall be subject to the dedications  
23 that follow in this Subparagraph. An amount equal to ten percent of the fees  
24 collected from the sale of hunting licenses shall be dedicated by the commission to  
25 the development and preservation of breeding grounds for migratory waterfowl, the  
26 funds to be expended for such purposes through Ducks Unlimited, Inc. or under the  
27 direction of the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission at its discretion. An  
28 additional ten percent of each fee collected from the sale of hunting licenses shall be  
29 dedicated by the commission to the development and rejuvenation of the quail, dove,

1 and rabbit population of this state, the funds to be expended by the department  
 2 beginning with the Fiscal Year 1975-1976 through a rejuvenation program to be  
 3 promulgated under administrative regulation of the commission. However, not less  
 4 than twenty-five percent of the funds derived from hunting license fees shall be  
 5 deposited on a monthly basis into the Wildlife Habitat and Natural Heritage Trust as  
 6 provided for in R.S. 56:1923 and shall be expended solely for land acquisition for  
 7 wildlife management areas, including the purchase of lands for upland game  
 8 purposes.

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DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Increases the fee for a basic hunting license and requires that the increased revenue be used for the Hunters for the Hungry hog processing program and marketing of that program, and creates an account within the Conservation Fund for this purpose.

Present law establishes a donation for the benefit of the Hunters for the Hungry program to process and distribute fish, bird, game quadruped, alligator, and feral hog for non-profits and charitable organizations that distribute food or meals at no cost to individuals. Proposed law retains present law.

Present law establishes a basic hunting license for residents for a fee of \$15.00 and dedicates the revenues received from the sale of these licenses to specified wildlife and fisheries causes. Proposed law increases the fee from \$15.00 to \$16.00 and dedicates the additional one dollar to the Hunters for the Hungry Hog Eradication and Processing Account.

Proposed law establishes a special account within the Conservation Fund for the deposit of the additional dollar of revenue received under proposed law from each sale of a basic hunting license, and requires that 75 cents of each dollar received be used for hog processing through the Hunters for the Hungry program and the remaining 25 cents of each dollar be used for marketing and promotion of the hog processing program.

(Amends R.S. 56:104(A)(1); Adds R.S. 56:10(B)(17))