

ACT No. 80

2024 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 540

BY REPRESENTATIVES GEYMANN AND AMEDEE

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 30:101.9(D)(5), relative to the Fishermen's Gear Compensation
3 and Underwater Obstruction Removal Dedicated Fund Account; to provide for
4 disbursement and expenditure of monies in the account; to provide for eligible
5 claimants; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 30:101.9(D)(5) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

8 §101.9. Fishermen's Gear Compensation and Underwater Obstruction Removal
9 Dedicated Fund Account

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11 D. The monies in the account may be disbursed and expended pursuant to
12 the authority and direction of the assistant secretary for the following purposes and
13 uses:

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15 (5) Payment of any fully justified claim made in accordance with procedures
16 established in this Section for actual damages suffered by a commercial or charter
17 boat fisherman as a result of hitting or snagging an obstruction or hazard in the
18 waters of the state resulting from natural occurrences, oil and gas activities, or other
19 activities where the owner of the obstruction is unknown.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____