## **DIGEST**

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K. Carter HB No. 129

**Abstract:** Allows the disposal of motor vehicles that are a total loss due to damages from a disaster event to be disposed of through the Louisiana Artificial Reef program.

<u>Proposed law</u> allows the owner of a motor vehicle that is a total loss to dispose of the vehicle through the state artificial reef program if the vehicle became a total loss due to damages cause by the event of a gubernatorially declared disaster or emergency.

<u>Proposed law</u> requires the vehicle to meet the standard required for artificial reef construction materials.

<u>Proposed law</u> requires the vehicle to be free of liens or encumbrances.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides for a letter from the office of motor vehicles that authorizes the owner to dispose of the vehicle in the artificial reef program.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides for the vehicle owner to apply to the secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to dispose of the vehicle in the artificial reef program. Requires a showing of evidence that the vehicle meets the standards and requirements of the program to be allow to be disposed of as artificial reef construction materials.

<u>Proposed law</u> requires the secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to certify to the office of motor vehicles each vehicle that has been accepted and disposed of under the artificial reef program.

<u>Proposed law</u> authorizes the adoption of rules and regulations to implement <u>proposed law</u>.

Effective upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Adds R.S. 32:739 and R.S. 56:639.11)