

Regular Session, 2013

HOUSE BILL NO. 378

BY REPRESENTATIVE LEGER

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 56:302.1(C)(2)(c) and 302.9(C)(2) and to enact R.S.  
3 56:10(B)(1)(f) and 302.1(C)(2)(b), relative to charter boat fishing license fees; to  
4 increase nonresident charter boat guide license fee; to increase the charter passenger  
5 fishing trip license fee; to dedicate the funds received through the increased fees; and  
6 to provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 56:302.1(C)(2)(c) and 302.9(C)(2) are hereby amended and  
9 reenacted and R.S. 56:10(B)(1)(f) and 302.1(C)(2)(b) are hereby enacted to read as follows:

10 §10. Annual report to governor; estimate of proposed expenditures; particular funds;  
11 warrants; vouchers; surplus funds

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13 B.(1) Subject to the exception contained in Article VII, Section 9(A) of the  
14 Constitution of Louisiana, all funds collected by the commission from every source  
15 shall be paid into the state treasury and shall be credited to the Bond Security and  
16 Redemption Fund. Out of the funds remaining in the Bond Security and Redemption  
17 Fund after a sufficient amount is allocated from that fund to pay all obligations  
18 secured by the full faith and credit of the state which become due and payable within  
19 any fiscal year, the treasurer shall, prior to placing such remaining funds in the state  
20 general fund, conform to the following:

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22 (f) Pay annually into the Conservation Fund, an amount equal to the  
23 additional charter fishing fees collected pursuant to R.S. 56:302.1(C)(2)(c) and  
24 302.9(C)(2)(b) and paid into the treasury by the commission. Such funds shall be

1           used by the department for the promotion of the charter boat industry, protection of  
2           the fishery, and to provide for administrative costs of the fund. Such funds are to be  
3           expended for such purposes through the Louisiana Charter Boat Association.

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5           §302.1. Annual license; temporary license; fees; saltwater fee; exemptions

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9                                 (2)(~~c~~)(b) A person fishing with a licensed charter guide on board the vessel  
10           may purchase a charter passenger fishing trip license at a fee of five dollars. Such  
11           license shall be valid for three consecutive days.

12                                 (c) In addition to the fee contained in Subparagraph (b) of this Paragraph, a  
13           person fishing with a licensed charter guide on board the vessel shall pay a five  
14           dollar fee which shall be deposited into the Conservation Fund as provided in R.S.  
15           56:10(B)(1)(f), and which shall be used by the department for promotion of the  
16           charter boat industry, protection of the fishery, and to provide for administrative  
17           costs of the fund. Such fees are to be expended for such purposes through the  
18           Louisiana Charter Boat Association.

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20           §302.9. Charter boat fishing guide license; nonresident fee

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24                                 (2)(a) The annual fee for a nonresident charter boat fishing guide license is  
25           one thousand dollars for operating a vessel that carries not more than six passengers  
26           and two thousand dollars for operating a vessel that carries more than six passengers.

27                                 (b) There shall be an additional five hundred dollar fee for each nonresident  
28           charter boat fishing guide license issued under the provisions of Subparagraph (a) of  
29           this Paragraph which shall be deposited into the Conservation Fund, as provided in  
30           R.S. 56:10(B)(1)(f). Such funds shall be used by the department for promotion of

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 3 Louisiana Charter Boat Association.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_