## DIGEST

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HB No. 1082

**Abstract:** Increases the saltwater fishing license fee and dedicates the revenues to saltwater fisheries management and conservation.

<u>Present law</u> requires a saltwater fishing license in order to fish for saltwater fish in Louisiana. Provides for a \$5.50 fee for purchase of such license for residents and \$30 for non-residents.

<u>Proposed law</u> increases the resident license fee <u>from</u> \$5.50 to \$13.00. Provides for \$7.50 for each license sold to be deposited into the Saltwater Fish Research and Conservation Fund. <u>Proposed law</u> creates such fund and provides that the revenues deposited into the fund be used by the office of fisheries of the Dept. of Wildlife and Fisheries for data collection and management of recreational saltwater fisheries species.

Effective June 1, 2014.

(Amends R.S. 56:302.1(C)(1)(a); Adds R.S. 56:10(B)(1)(h))