
DIGEST

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HB No. 1082

Abstract: Provides for an additional fee for a resident saltwater fishing license and dedicates the revenues to saltwater fisheries management and conservation.

Present law requires a saltwater fishing license in order to fish for saltwater fish in La. Provides for a \$5.50 fee for purchase of such license for residents and \$30 for non-residents. Proposed law provides for an additional fee of \$7.50 for residents purchasing a saltwater license between June 1, 2014, and May 31, 2018. Provides that the revenues from such additional fee be deposited to the Saltwater Fish Research and Conservation Fund.

Proposed law 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 fish species.

Effective June 1, 2014.

(Adds R.S. 56:10(B)(1)(h) and 302.1(C)(1)(c))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Natural Resources and Environment to the original bill.

1. Provided for an additional license fee of \$7.50, in addition to the resident saltwater fishing license fee of \$5.50, rather than increasing the existing fee.
2. Provided the additional fee is applicable between June 1, 2014, and May 31, 2018.