

Regular Session, 2014

HOUSE BILL NO. 1082

BY REPRESENTATIVE STUART BISHOP

FISHING/LICENSES: Imposes an additional fee on the sale of saltwater fishing licenses and dedicates the revenues

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 56:10(B)(1)(g) and 302.1(C)(1)(c), relative to saltwater fishing licenses; to
3 increase the fee for saltwater fishing licenses; to dedicate the funds derived from the
4 increased cost to saltwater fish research and conservation; to create the Saltwater
5 Fish Research and Conservation Fund; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 56:10(B)(1)(g) and 302.1(C)(1)(c) are hereby enacted to read as
8 follows:

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

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

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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.

House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill.

1. Made technical changes only.