

2017 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 669

BY REPRESENTATIVE ZERINGUE

PORTS/HARBORS/TERMINALS: Establishes a fee to fund dredging and deepening of waterways

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 34:3476.1 and 3476.2, relative to dredging and deepening of waterways; to  
3 establish a fee to fund the dredging and deepening of waterways; to provide for the  
4 use of the fee; to provide for the promulgation of rules and regulations regarding  
5 collection and payment of the fee; to provide for a special effective date; to provide  
6 for a sunset date; and to provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 34:3476.1 and 3476.2 are hereby enacted to read as follows:

9 §3476.1. Definitions

10 As used in this Section, "commercial marine vessel" shall mean any ship,  
11 tanker, tug, towboat, barge, or similar vessel for which the dredging and deepening  
12 of waterways would benefit its transportation or movement.

13 §3476.2. Fee on fuel used by commercial marine vessels

14 A. There is hereby imposed a fee of eight cents per gallon on all dyed diesel  
15 fuels, as defined in R.S. 47:818.2, when sold, used, or consumed in the state of  
16 Louisiana for the operation of a commercial marine vessel.

17 B. The fees collected pursuant to this Section shall be deposited in the  
18 Dredging and Deepening Fund, provided for in R.S. 34:3477.

19 C. The monies in the fund shall be used in the manner provided for in R.S.  
20 34:3471 et al.

1           D. The Department of Revenue shall promulgate rules and regulations  
2           regarding the imposition, collection, payment, and remittance of the fee assessed by  
3           this Section.

4           Section 2. This Act shall take effect and become operative if and when the Act  
5           which originated as Senate Bill No. 148 of this 2017 Regular Session of the Legislature is  
6           enacted and becomes effective.

7           Section 3. The provisions of this Act shall cease to be effective on July 1, 2019.

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#### DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Authorizes a fee on fuel used by commercial marine vessels

Proposed law defines "commercial marine vessel" as meaning any ship, tanker, tug, towboat, barge, or similar vessel for which the dredging and deepening of waterways would benefit its transportation or movement.

Proposed law establishes a fee of eight cents per gallon on dyed diesel fuel, as defined in present law, used by commercial marine vessels.

Proposed law requires that the fee be deposited into the Dredging and Deepening Fund.

Proposed law specifies that the revenue generated by the fee must be used in accordance with proposed law.

Proposed law requires the Dept. of Revenue to promulgate rules and regulations regarding the imposition, collection, payment, and remittance of the fee.

Proposed law makes the effectiveness of proposed law contingent on the enactment of Senate Bill No. 148 of the 2017 Regular Session.

Proposed law sunsets proposed law on July 1, 2019.

(Adds R.S. 34:3476.1 and 3476.2)