

GREEN SHEET REDIGEST

HB 784

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(KEYWORD, SUMMARY, AND DIGEST as amended by Senate committee amendments)

BOATS/SHIPS/VESSELS: Increases boat registration fees.

DIGEST

Present law requires that each owner of a motorboat or sailboat required to be numbered by the state to submit an application to the Dept. of Wildlife and Fisheries accompanied by a designated fee based on the length of the boat. Along with the application, present law requires the owner to pay a fee based upon the length of the boat as follows:

- (1) \$20 for boats 14 ft. or less
- (2) \$25 for boats greater than 14 ft. and less than 18 ft.
- (3) \$30 for boats 18 ft. or greater plus \$2 for each foot or portion of a foot greater than 18 ft.

Proposed law retains present law and adds an additional \$9.00 fee on any application or renewal for numbering on each length category of motorboat and sailboat. Further provides that the additional fee will apply beginning Jan. 1, 2019, through Dec. 31, 2023, inclusive of both dates.

Proposed law dedicates the revenue from the increases to the Aquatic Plant Control Fund.

Present law creates the Aquatic Plant Control Fund to fund the aquatic plant control program and to fund cooperative research and public education efforts by the Dept. of Wildlife and Fisheries and the LSU Agricultural Center relative to aquatic weed control and eradication.

Proposed law retains present law and adds the eradication of roseau cane scale as a purpose of the fund.

(Amends R.S. 34:851.20(A)(1) and 851.32 and R.S. 56:10.1(C))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill:

1. Limit the fee increase to applications for numbering a motorboat or sailboat.
2. Add the eradication of roseau cane scale as a purpose of the Aquatic Plant Control Fund.

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Natural Resources to the reengrossed bill

1. Changes the dates of when the additional \$9.00 fee will apply.
2. Changes "an application" to "any application or renewal" for numbering.