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Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.:

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Subject: Registration of Non-Motorized House Boats		

BOATS/SHIPS/VESSELS

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Registration of non-motorized house boats

Present law requires every motorboat or sailboat operated in state waters to be registered and numbered. Present law provides for the number system and application process for the LA Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to issue a number and certificate of number. Present law further requires the owner to pay a fee based upon the length of the boat. Proposed law makes motorboat and sailboat number provisions in present law including application fees, applicable to houseboats. Proposed law creates the Derelict Houseboat Fund and requires the revenue collected from houseboat registration fees to be paid into the fund. Proposed law further requires the funds are to be used solely for awarding grants to parish governments to remove any unattended, derelict, junked, or abandoned houseboat in any canal, coulee, drainage ditch, outfall canal, bayou, bay lake, or any other waterway, whether navigable or not, or on the banks thereof within the state of Louisiana. Proposed law authorizes the commission to promulgate rules and regulations in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act to provide for the application, administration, and award of such grants. Proposed law further requires the act to be implemented by January 1, 2019.

EXPENDITURES	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Ded./Other	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Funds	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	\$0
Annual Total						

REVENUES	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	5 -YEAR TOTAL
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Ded./Other	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Funds	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	
Annual Total						

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

There will be an indeterminable increase in expenditures to the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries in order to purchase additional boat registrations, however these costs are recovered by the associated fees.

Additionally, the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries will be required to award grants to parish governments with revenues generated from the registration of non-motorized house boats to remove any unattended, derelict, junked, or abandoned houseboat in any canal, coulee, drainage ditch, outfall canal, bayou, bay lake, or any other waterway, whether navigable or not, or on the banks thereof within the state of Louisiana. The amount of money that will be granted to parish governments is indeterminable.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

There will be an indeterminable increase in revenues to the statutorily dedicated Derelict Houseboat Fund as a result of the proposed legislation. The amount of revenue generated is indeterminable because the number of non-motorized houseboats that would require registration is unknown. The fees assessed will be based off of current fees assessed on motorboats and sailboats which range from \$23 - \$73+ dependent upon the length of the boat.

The department is currently working to determine the best approach to begin registering non-motorized houseboats.

There will be an increase in revenues to local governments to the extent the entities are awarded grant money from the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries. Proposed law authorizes the commission to promulgate rules and regulations to provide for the application, administration, and award of such grants. Proposed law requires the act to be implemented by January 1, 2019.

Senate
 13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S&H}
 13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S&H}

House
 6.8(F)(1) >= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S}
 6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S}

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