

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

HB 549

2018 Regular Session

White

May 18, 2018

To the Honorable Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives and the Honorable President and Members of the Senate.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We, the conferees appointed to confer over the disagreement between the two houses concerning House Bill No. 549 by Representative White, recommend the following concerning the Reengrossed bill:

1. That the set of Senate Committee Amendments by the Senate Committee on Finance (#3394) be adopted.
2. That the set of amendments by the Legislative Bureau (#3576) be adopted.
3. That the set of Senate Floor Amendments by Senator LaFleur (#3589) be rejected.
4. That the set of Senate Floor Amendments by Senator Ward (#3681) be adopted.
5. That the following amendments to the Reengrossed bill be adopted:

AMENDMENT NO. 1

In Senate Committee Amendment No. 2 by the Senate Committee on Finance (#3394), on page 1, line 5, after "to" change "fund in the state treasury" to "Fund in the state treasury"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

In Senate Committee Amendment No. 10 by the Senate Committee on Finance (#3394) and redesignated as Senate Committee Amendment No. 11 by Legislative Bureau Amendment No. 6 (#3576), on page 1, line 25, change "Section 2." to "Section 3"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

In Senate Floor Amendment No. 2 by Senator Ward (#3681), on page 1, line 8, change "line 3" to "line 14"

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 1, line 5, change "derelict houseboat" to "Derelict Houseboat"

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 6, line 18, change "funds" to "monies"

Respectfully submitted,

Representative Malinda White

Senator Eric LaFleur

Representative Stuart Bishop

Senator Rick Ward, III

Representative Chris Leopold

Senator Eddie Lambert

DIGEST

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CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT DIGEST

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Keyword and oneliner of the instrument as it left the House

BOATS/SHIPS/VESSELS: Registration of non-motorized house boats

Report adopts Senate amendments to:

1. Change derelict houseboat account in the Conservation Fund to Derelict Houseboat Fund in the state treasury.
2. Provide that proposed law must be implemented by January 1, 2019.

Report rejects Senate amendments which would have:

1. Made a technical change.

Report amends the bill to:

1. Make technical changes.

Digest of the bill as proposed by the Conference Committee

Proposed law defines "houseboat" as a vessel constructed for the primary purpose of a temporary or permanent dwelling without an effective means of propulsion for safe navigation.

Present law requires every motorboat or sailboat operated in state waters to be registered and numbered. Present law provides for the numbering system and application process for the Dept. of Wildlife and Fisheries to issue a number and certificate of number. 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 two dollars for each foot or portion of a foot greater than 18 ft.

Present law provides for the department's records of numbering, the proper display of the number on the motorboat or sailboat, where the certificate of number must be located, and for boats numbered by another state or the federal government.

Present law requires a new application accompanied by a five dollar fee when there is a change in ownership.

Present law requires the owner to notify the commission of a transfer of any portion of ownership, the creation of a security interest, destruction, or abandonment of a boat within 15 days.

Proposed law makes motorboat and sailboat registration and numbering provisions in present law, including application fees, applicable to houseboats.

Present law requires the revenue collected from motorboat registration fees be paid into the state treasury to administer and enforce present law motorboat and vessel provisions.

Proposed law modifies present law to apply to sailboats. Specifies that a specific portion of registration fees, after a certain payment to the state, be paid into the Derelict Houseboat Fund instead of the Conservation Fund. Also, requires the revenue collected from houseboat registration fees be paid into the Derelict Houseboat Fund.

Proposed law creates the Derelict Houseboat Fund and requires the monies in that fund 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 La.

Proposed law authorizes the Wildlife and Fisheries 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 provides for implementation by Jan. 1, 2019.

(Amends R.S. 34:851.19, 851.20(A)(1)(intro. para.), (2), (3), and (4) and (B), (C), (D), (G), and (J), 851.21(A) and (B)(2), (3), and (4) and 851.32; Adds R.S. 34:851.2(13) and R.S. 56:10.2)