

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

ACT 698 (HB 784)

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McFarland

Existing 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, existing law requires the owner to pay a fee every three years 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.

New law 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.

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

Existing law created 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.

New law adds the eradication and control of aquatic invasive species as a purpose of the fund.

Effective August 1, 2018.

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