

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

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Prior law required the revenue collected from motorboat, sailboat, and houseboat registration fees to be paid into the Derelict Houseboat fund of the La. Wildlife and Fisheries Commission. New law renames the fund from "Derelict Houseboat Fund" to the "Conservation Fund" and establishes the "Derelict Houseboat Fund Account" which is a special statutorily dedicated fund account.

New law requires revenue collected from motorboats and sailboat registration fees paid into the Conservation Fund to administer and enforce provisions of existing law.

Existing law requires that monies in the fund be paid by owners of houseboats be used 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.

New law authorizes an amount not to exceed 10% of the annual appropriation of the Derelict Houseboat Fund Account to be used to administer and enforce the derelict houseboat program and boating provisions in existing law.

New law requires monies in the Derelict Houseboat Fund Account to be categorized as fees and self-generated revenue for the sole purpose of reporting related to the executive budget, supporting documents, and general appropriation bills. New law further requires monies in the account shall be subject to legislative appropriation.

Effective August 1, 2019.

(Amends R.S. 34:851.32(A)(1), (B), and (C) and R.S. 56:10.2)