

HOUSE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

2020 Regular Session

Amendments proposed by House Committee on Appropriations to Original House Bill No. 305 by Representative Zeringue

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, delete lines 2 and 3 in their entirety and insert in lieu thereof:
"To amend and reenact R.S. 47:463.167(E) and 56:644(B) and (C)(introductory paragraph), relative to certain treasury funds; to provide for the transfer, deposit, and use of monies in such funds; to restrict uses of certain funds; to provide for legislative intent with respect to prior Acts of the legislature; to provide for effectiveness; and to provide for related matters."

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, between lines 8 and 9 insert the following:

"Section 2. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the state treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to transfer \$3,000,000 into the Major Events Incentive Program Subfund from State General Fund (Direct).

Section 3. R.S. 47:463.167(E) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:
§463.167. Special prestige license plates; "Hunters for the Hungry Louisiana"

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~~E. The annual royalty fee collected by the department shall be forwarded to the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries with ninety percent to be deposited into a special escrow account known as the "Hunters for the Hungry Escrow Account". No more than ten percent of the monies forwarded to the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries from the annual royalty fee shall be deposited into the state treasury and shall be credited to the Bond Security and Redemption Fund. After a sufficient amount is allocated from that fund to pay all obligations secured by the full faith and credit of the state which become due and payable within any fiscal year, the treasurer shall, prior to placing such remaining funds in the state general fund, pay ten percent of the annual royalty fees into the Conservation Fund which shall be used for administrative costs of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries. The balance in the escrow fund shall be used solely by Hunters for the Hungry Louisiana to pay for the processing and distribution of meats, when such meats shall be used by a nonprofit entity or charitable organization in food or meal distribution at no cost to an individual pursuant to R.S. 56:644. The annual royalty fee collected by the department shall be forwarded to Hunters for the Hungry Louisiana. The monies received from the royalty fees shall be used solely for the support of programs administered by Hunters for the Hungry Louisiana.~~

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Section 4. R.S. 56:644(B) and (C)(introductory paragraph) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§644. Fishing and hunting license checkoff; donation for Hunters for the Hungry

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B. There is hereby created within the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries a special escrow account known as the "Hunters for the Hungry Escrow Account". The escrow account is created to receive deposits of donations for the benefit of Hunters for the Hungry made when an individual purchases a fishing and hunting license, and no public funds shall be deposited into the escrow account. ~~No more than seventy-five percent of the donations received by the department under the provisions of this Section shall be deposited into the escrow account. Subject to the exception contained in Article VII, Section 9(A) of the Constitution of Louisiana, twenty-five percent of all funds collected from the donations made under the provisions of this Section shall be paid into the state treasury and shall be credited to the Bond Security and Redemption Fund. Out of the funds remaining in the Bond~~

1 ~~Security and Redemption Fund after a sufficient amount is allocated from that fund~~
2 ~~to pay all obligations secured by the full faith and credit of the state which become~~
3 ~~due and payable within any fiscal year, the treasurer shall, prior to placing such~~
4 ~~remaining funds in the state general fund, pay into the Conservation Fund an amount~~
5 ~~equal to twenty-five percent of the amount of funds collected under the provisions~~
6 ~~of this Section. The escrow account shall be administered by the department which~~
7 ~~shall every three months remit the balance of the monies in the escrow account to~~
8 ~~Hunters for the Hungry. The monies in the escrow account shall be used solely as~~
9 ~~provided by Subsection C of this Section. All unexpended and unencumbered~~
10 ~~monies in this escrow account at the end of the fiscal year shall remain in the fund~~
11 ~~escrow account. The monies in the Conservation Fund~~ escrow account ~~shall be~~
12 ~~invested by the state treasurer in the same manner as monies in the state general~~
13 ~~fund.~~

14 C. No more than twenty-five percent of the monies in the escrow account
15 shall be ~~transferred to the Conservation Fund to be~~ used for administrative costs. The
16 balance shall be used solely by Hunters for the Hungry to pay for the following:

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18 Section 5. The provisions of Sections 3 and 4 of this Act shall supersede the
19 provisions of Sections 15 and 18 of Act No. 612 of the 2018 Regular Session of the
20 Legislature and Sections 7 and 10 of Act No. 362 of the 2019 Regular Session of the
21 Legislature that amended and reenacted R.S. 47:463.167(E) and R.S. 56:644(B) and
22 (C)(introductory paragraph)."

23 AMENDMENT NO. 3

24 On page 1, at the beginning of line 9, change "Section 2." to "Section 6."