

2021 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 530

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FEES/LICENSES/PERMITS: Increases hunting license fees for to provide funding for hog eradication and processing program

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 56:104(A)(1) and to enact R.S. 56:10(B)(17), relative to feral
3 hog eradication, processing, and distribution; to increase hunting license fees; to
4 dedicate revenue from the increased fee; to create a special account within the
5 Conservation Fund; to provide for the use of funds; and to provide for related
6 matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 56:104(A)(1) is hereby amended and reenacted and R.S.
9 56:10(B)(17) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

10 §10. Annual report to governor; estimate of proposed expenditures; particular funds;
11 limitations on purposes for use of monies in particular funds; warrants;
12 vouchers; surplus funds

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14 B.

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16 (17) There is hereby created within the Conservation Fund a special account
17 known as the "Hunters for the Hungry Hog Eradication and Processing Account",
18 which shall consist of funds received from revenues as provided in R.S.
19 56:104(A)(1) and from any other source which may specify deposit to this account.
20 The revenues in the account shall be subject to the same requirements as other

1 revenues in the Conservation Fund. All expenditures and allocations of funds from
2 this account shall be used to support hog eradication, where seventy-five cents of
3 every dollar deposited shall be used for the processing and distribution of hogs
4 through the Hunters for the Hungry program and the remaining twenty-five cents of
5 every dollar deposited shall be used for promotion and marketing of the program.

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7 §104. License fees; reciprocity; exceptions

8 A. No license shall be issued under this Part unless there has been previously
9 paid a fee or fees as hereinafter set forth:

10 (1)(a) Except as specified in Subsection B of this Section, a resident who is
11 sixteen years of age or older shall purchase and possess a basic hunting license for
12 a fee of ~~fifteen~~ sixteen dollars in order to hunt, take, possess, or transport wild birds
13 and quadrupeds on which open seasons are declared. Special additional licenses are
14 required to hunt, take, possess, or transport deer, turkey, or migratory waterfowl
15 within the limits of the state. In order to obtain these licenses, a resident must meet
16 residency requirements as specified in R.S. 56:8 ("Bona fide resident") and present
17 either a Louisiana driver's license or a special identification card issued by the
18 Department of Public Safety and Corrections under the provisions of R.S. 40:1321.

19 (b) From each fee collected from the sale of a basic hunting license, an
20 amount equal to one dollar shall be deposited into the Hunters for the Hungry Hog
21 Eradication and Processing Account. The remaining fifteen dollars of each fee
22 collected from the sale of a basic hunting license shall be subject to the dedications
23 that follow in this Subparagraph. An amount equal to ten percent of the fees
24 collected from the sale of hunting licenses shall be dedicated by the commission to
25 the development and preservation of breeding grounds for migratory waterfowl, the
26 funds to be expended for such purposes through Ducks Unlimited, Inc. or under the
27 direction of the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission at its discretion. An
28 additional ten percent of each fee collected from the sale of hunting licenses shall be
29 dedicated by the commission to the development and rejuvenation of the quail, dove,

