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HOUSE BILL NO. 683

BY REPRESENTATIVE CREWS

WILDLIFE & FISHERIES: Provides relative to royalties on dredged materials

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 56:2011(E), relative to royalties on dredged materials; to provide

3 for exemptions from payment of certain royalties and bond requirements; and to

4 provide for related matters.

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Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 56:2011(E) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§2011. License to dredge; royalties; exemptions

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E. Any private landowner, state agency, political subdivision, or associated consultant or contractor engaged in a coastal protection, conservation, or restoration activity consistent with an annual plan or the comprehensive master plan established pursuant to R.S. 49:214.5.3, or engaged in an activity to remove sediment buildup to preserve or restore the natural habitat of a any water body of the state or to enhance navigation and recreation activities on a any water body of the state shall be exempt from payment of the royalties and bond requirements of this Section. However, any such private landowner, state agency, political subdivision, or associated consultant or contractor shall be required to apply for and receive the appropriate license required by this Section. To be eligible for exemption from the royalty payment and bond requirements of this Section, a private landowner shall obtain a letter of no-objection from either the governing authority of the political

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subdivision within which the activity will occur, or the local coastal management program under which the activity is authorized, and the approval, in writing, of the secretary of the Department of Natural Resources, the secretary of the Department of Transportation and Development, and the executive director of the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority.

## **DIGEST**

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**Abstract:** Specifies that the royalty and bonding exemption for dredging operations and dredged materials applies to all waterbodies of the state.

<u>Present law</u> provides for bond requirements for dredging activities and royalty requirements for dredged material.

<u>Present law</u> grants an exemption from payment of the <u>present law</u> royalties and bond requirements to any private landowner, state agency, political subdivision, or associated consultant or contractor engaged in a coastal protection, conservation, or restoration activity consistent with an annual plan or the comprehensive master plan, or engaged in an activity to remove sediment buildup to preserve or restore the natural habitat of a waterbody of the state or to enhance navigation and recreation activities on a waterbody of the state.

<u>Proposed law</u> retains <u>present law</u> and specifies that the provisions of <u>present law</u> apply to all waterbodies of the state.

(Amends R.S. 56:2011(E))