# 2024 Regular Session

#### HOUSE BILL NO. 847

#### BY REPRESENTATIVE ORGERON

| AN ACT  |
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| To enact R.S. 56:10(B)(19), relative to the Marine Finfish Stock Enhancement Fund; to   |
| create the Marine Finfish Stock Enhancement Fund; to provide for authorized uses        |
| of the fund; and to provide for related matters.  |
| Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:  |
| Section 1. R.S. 56:10(B)(19) is hereby enacted to read as follows:                      |
| §10. Annual report to governor; estimate of proposed expenditures; particular funds;    |
| limitations on purposes for use of monies in particular funds and accounts;             |
| warrants; vouchers; surplus funds   |
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| (19) There is hereby created within the Conservation Fund a "Marine Finfish             |
| Stock Enhancement Fund". The monies in the fund shall be used solely for the            |
| purpose of conserving, restoring, and enhancing the red drum population, including      |
| but not limited to the purchase, transportation, tagging, release and monitoring of red |
| drum, genetic testing, hatchery based production and stocking efforts, and academic     |
| research. Any appropriations, public or private grants, gifts, or donations received    |
| by the state or the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries for these purposes shall be    |
| credited to the fund. The monies in the fund shall be subject to the same               |
| requirements as provided for in Paragraph (1) of this Subsection. The monies in the     |
| fund shall be invested by the treasurer in the same manner as the monies in the state   |
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| 1 | general fund and all interest earned shall be deposited and credited to the fund after |
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| 2 | compliance with the requirements of Article VII, Section 9(B) of the Constitution of   |
| 3 | Louisiana. All unexpended or unencumbered monies remaining in the fund at the          |
| 4 | end of the fiscal year shall remain to the credit of the fund.                         |
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## SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

### PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

### GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_