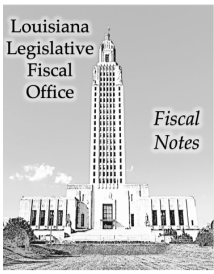


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**Fiscal Note**



Fiscal Note On: **HB 676** HLS 25RS 1724

Bill Text Version: **REENGROSSED**

Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.: **HB 301**

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<b>Subject:</b> Abandoned vessels		

WATERWAYS/OBSTRUCTIONS RE INCREASE SD RV See Note Page 1 of 1  
Provides for the removal and salvage of abandoned vessels in waterways

Proposed law provides that the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF) shall promulgate rules and regulations to establish a process for identifying and removing abandoned vessels. Proposed law allows law enforcement agents to tag vessels with notices, allows 3rd parties to recover these vessels, and provides notices to registrants that they will be held responsible for any abandoned vessels.

EXPENDITURES	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Ded./Other	<b>SEE BELOW</b>	<b>SEE BELOW</b>	<b>SEE BELOW</b>	<b>SEE BELOW</b>	<b>SEE BELOW</b>	
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Local Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Annual Total</b>						
REVENUES	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	5 -YEAR TOTAL
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Ded./Other	<b>INCREASE</b>	<b>INCREASE</b>	<b>INCREASE</b>	<b>INCREASE</b>	<b>INCREASE</b>	
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Local Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Annual Total</b>						

**EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION**

There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental expenditures as a result of this measure. Proposed law requires the department to promulgate and adopt rules and regulations that provide for a procedure for obtaining a salvage title. The Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF) will need to make changes to the boat title system. However, these expenditures can be absorbed using its existing budget authority.

**REVENUE EXPLANATION**

Proposed law will likely result in an increase in revenues into the Conservation Fund, due to an increase in the amount of boats that are available to be salvaged and potentially resold. The Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF) anticipates an increase in the number of abandoned vessels that would be titled or registered, but cannot provide an estimate. When an abandoned vessel is found and is to be sold, a person is required to get a salvage title before selling the boat, once sold the new party would also be required to title the boat. This transaction would possibly create two instances for the department to generate revenue. Assuming more vessels will be registered or titled under the proposed law, an increase in revenue is anticipated in the Conservation Fund.

Senate

Dual Referral Rules

House

13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S & H}

6.8(F)(1) >= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S}

13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S & H}

6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S}

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