

**ACT No. 551**

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 417

BY REPRESENTATIVE ZERINGUE

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 30:2205(A)(1), relative to the Hazardous Waste Site Cleanup  
3 Fund; to increase the maximum balance in the Hazardous Waste Site Cleanup Fund;  
4 to require annual increases to the maximum balance under certain circumstances; to  
5 provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 30:2205(A)(1) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

8 §2205. Hazardous Waste Site Cleanup Fund

9 A.(1) All sums recovered through judgments, settlements, assessments of  
10 civil or criminal penalties, funds recovered by suit or settlement from potentially  
11 responsible parties for active or abandoned site remediation or cleanup, or otherwise  
12 under this Subtitle, or other applicable law, each fiscal year for violation of this  
13 Subtitle, shall be paid into the state treasury and shall be credited to the Bond  
14 Security and Redemption Fund. After a sufficient amount is allocated from that fund  
15 to pay all obligations secured by the full faith and credit of the state which become  
16 due and payable within any fiscal year, the treasurer, prior to placing such remaining  
17 funds in the state general fund, shall pay into a special fund, which is hereby created  
18 in the state treasury and designated as the "Hazardous Waste Site Cleanup Fund", all  
19 of those funds generated by the hazardous waste tax under the provisions of Chapter  
20 7-A of Subtitle II of Title 47 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950 and the sums  
21 recovered through all judgments, settlements, assessments of civil or criminal  
22 penalties, fees and oversight costs received from potentially responsible parties for

1           the department's work in overseeing of assessment and remediation at inactive or  
 2           abandoned sites, funds recovered by suit or settlement from potentially responsible  
 3           parties for active or abandoned site remediation or cleanup, or otherwise, for  
 4           violation of this Subtitle, except as provided in R.S. 30:2025 and 2198; however, the  
 5           balance in the fund shall not exceed ~~six~~ eight million dollars at any time and upon  
 6           the accumulation of ~~six~~ eight million dollars in the fund, the treasurer shall pay all  
 7           remaining sums provided for in this Subsection into the Environmental Trust  
 8           Dedicated Fund Account, R.S. 30:2015. However, beginning January 1, 2027, and  
 9           thereafter, the state treasurer shall annually adjust the maximum balance of the fund  
 10          by the percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers,  
 11          as reported by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, or  
 12          its successor, for the previous calendar year.

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14           Section 2. This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2026; if vetoed by the governor  
 15          and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become effective on July 1,  
 16          2026, or on the day following such approval by the legislature, whichever is later.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

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