

Regular Session, 2013

SENATE BILL NO. 84

BY SENATOR RISER

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

WILDLIFE/FISHERIES DEPT. Authorizes a checkoff for a donation to Hunters for the Hungry when purchasing a fishing or hunting license. (gov sig)

1 AN ACT
2 To enact R.S. 56:644, relative to fishing and hunting license; to authorize a checkoff for a
3 donation to Hunters for the Hungry; to create the Hunters for the Hungry Account;
4 to provide for the deposit of donated monies into the account; to provide for the
5 administration and use of monies in the account; to provide for oversight by the
6 legislative auditor; to provide for certain terms, conditions, and requirements; and
7 to provide for related matters.

8 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

9 Section 1. R.S. 56:644 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

10 **§644. Fishing and hunting license checkoff; donation for Hunters for the**
11 **Hungry**

12 **A. Every individual who purchases a fishing and hunting license may**
13 **donate to Hunters for the Hungry. The donation shall be made at the time of**
14 **the purchase of the license and shall be made upon the license form as**
15 **prescribed by the secretary.**

16 **B. There is hereby created within the Conservation Fund a special**
17 **account known as the "Hunters for Hungry Account". The account is created**

1 to receive deposits of donations for the benefit of Hunters for the Hungry made
2 when an individual purchases a fishing and hunting license. The account shall
3 be administered by the treasurer who shall every three months remit the
4 balance of the monies in the account to the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries
5 Foundation. Upon request by a director of Hunters for the Hungry, the
6 Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Foundation shall remit the requested amount
7 to Hunters for the Hungry. No donation made under the provisions of this
8 section shall be invalid for want of an authentic act.

9 C. No more than five percent of the monies in the account shall be used
10 by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Foundation and Hunters for the Hungry
11 for administrative costs. The remaining ninety-five percent balance shall be
12 used solely by Hunters for the Hungry to pay for the processing and distribution
13 of meats when the meats shall be used by a not-for-profit entity or a charitable
14 organization in food or meal distribution at no cost to an individual.

15 D. All monies used pursuant to the Hunters for the Hungry Account shall
16 be subject to audit by the legislative auditor.

17 E. At the end of the calendar year, the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries
18 Foundation and Hunters for the Hungry shall each submit to the House Natural
19 Resources and Environment Committee and the Senate Committee on Natural
20 Resources a report that at a minimum contains a detailed explanation of the
21 revenues and expenditures of the account, as well as a description of the
22 organization's activities related to the account. The committee may summon
23 any person employed by or associated with the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries
24 Foundation and Hunters for the Hungry to provide testimony with respect to
25 the report.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by McHenry Lee.

DIGEST

Proposed law provides that individuals who purchase fishing and hunting licenses have the option of making a donation to Hunters for the Hungry at the time of purchase of the license and upon the form prescribed by the secretary.

Proposed law establishes the Hunters for the Hungry Account within the Conservation Fund and provides that all donations be deposited in the account.

Proposed law provides that every three months the treasurer must remit the balance of the account to the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Foundation. Further provides that upon the request by a director of Hunters for the Hungry, the foundation shall remit to Hunters for the Hungry the amount of money requested.

Proposed law provides that no more than five percent of the monies in the account may be used for administrative costs and the remaining ninety-five percent must be used solely by Hunters for the Hungry for the processing and delivery of meats by not-for-profit or charitable organizations.

Proposed law provides that all monies used in the account will be subject to oversight by the legislative auditor.

Proposed law provides that at the end of each calendar year, the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Foundation and Hunters for the Hungry must each submit to the House Natural Resources and Environment Committee and the Senate Committee on Natural Resources a report detailing the revenue and expenditures of the account and a description of the organization's activities related to the account.

Effective upon signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Adds R.S. 56:644)