

Regular Session, 2013

HOUSE BILL NO. 378

BY REPRESENTATIVE LEGER

FISHING/LICENSES: Increases certain fees related to the charter boat fishing industry

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 56:302.1(C)(2)(c) and 302.9(C)(2) and to enact R.S.  
3 56:10(B)(1)(f) and 302.1(C)(2)(b), relative to charter boat fishing license fees; to  
4 increase nonresident charter boat guide license fee; to increase the charter passenger  
5 fishing trip license fee; to dedicate the funds received through the increased fees; and  
6 to provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 56:302.1(C)(2)(c) and 302.9(C)(2) are hereby amended and  
9 reenacted and R.S. 56:10(B)(1)(f) and 302.1(C)(2)(b) are hereby enacted to read as follows:

10 §10. Annual report to governor; estimate of proposed expenditures; particular funds;  
11 warrants; vouchers; surplus funds

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13 B.(1) Subject to the exception contained in Article VII, Section 9(A) of the  
14 Constitution of Louisiana, all funds collected by the commission from every source  
15 shall be paid into the state treasury and shall be credited to the Bond Security and  
16 Redemption Fund. Out of the funds remaining in the Bond Security and Redemption  
17 Fund after a sufficient amount is allocated from that fund to pay all obligations  
18 secured by the full faith and credit of the state which become due and payable within  
19 any fiscal year, the treasurer shall, prior to placing such remaining funds in the state  
20 general fund, conform to the following:

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1            (f) Pay annually into the Conservation Fund, an amount equal to the  
 2            additional charter fishing fees collected pursuant to R.S. 56:302.1(C)(2)(c) and  
 3            302.9(C)(2)(b) and paid into the treasury by the commission. Such funds shall be  
 4            used by the department for the promotion of the charter boat industry, protection of  
 5            the fishery, and to provide for administrative costs of the fund. Such funds are to be  
 6            expended for such purposes through the Louisiana Charter Boat Association.

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8            §302.1. Annual license; temporary license; fees; saltwater fee; exemptions

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12            ~~(e)~~(b) A person fishing with a licensed charter guide on board the vessel  
 13            may purchase a charter passenger fishing trip license at a fee of five dollars. Such  
 14            license shall be valid for three consecutive days.

15            (c) In addition to the fee contained in Subparagraph (b) of this Paragraph, a  
 16            person fishing with a licensed charter guide on board the vessel shall pay a five  
 17            dollar fee which shall be deposited into the Conservation Fund as provided in R.S.  
 18            56:10(B)(1)(f), and which shall be used by the department for promotion of the  
 19            charter boat industry, protection of the fishery, and to provide for administrative  
 20            costs of the fund. Such fees are to be expended for such purposes through the  
 21            Louisiana Charter Boat Association.

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23            §302.9. Charter boat fishing guide license; nonresident fee

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27            (2)(a) The annual fee for a nonresident charter boat fishing guide license is  
 28            one thousand dollars for operating a vessel that carries not more than six passengers  
 29            and two thousand dollars for operating a vessel that carries more than six passengers.

CODING: Words in ~~struck through~~ type are deletions from existing law; words underscored are additions.

1           **(b) There shall be an additional five hundred dollar fee for each nonresident**  
 2           **charter boat fishing guide license issued under the provisions of Subparagraph (a) of**  
 3           **this Paragraph which shall be deposited into the Conservation Fund, as provided in**  
 4           **R.S. 56:10(B)(1)(f). Such funds shall be used by the department for promotion of**  
 5           **the charter boat industry, protection of the fishery, and to provide for administrative**  
 6           **costs of the fund. Such fees are to be expended for such purposes through the**  
 7           **Louisiana Charter Boat Association.**

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DIGEST

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Leger HB No. 378

**Abstract:** Increases the fees for charter boat guide licenses and "walk on" charter fishing trip licenses.

Present law provides for a \$5 charter passenger fishing trip license for a person fishing with a licensed charter guide on board a vessel. Proposed law provides for an additional fee of \$5.

Present law provides for an annual nonresident charter boat fishing guide license fee of \$1,000 for a vessel carrying up to six passengers and \$2,000 for a vessel carrying more than six passengers. Proposed law provides for an additional fee of \$500 for each license issued.

Proposed law dedicates the revenues received from the additional fees to the Conservation Fund and requires that the monies shall be used by the department for promotion of the charter boat industry, protection of the fishery, and to provide for administrative costs of the fund. Provides that such fees are to be expended for such purposes through the La. Charter Boat Association.

(Amends R.S. 56:302.1(C)(2)(c) and 302.9(C)(2); Adds R.S. 56:10(B)(1)(f) and 302.1(C)(2)(b))