
DIGEST

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HB No. 376

Abstract: Authorizes the imposition of fees for mooring vessels in the Atchafalaya Delta WMA and provides for the uses of those fees.

Proposed law authorizes the Dept. of Wildlife and Fisheries, through the Administrative Procedure Act, to establish a mooring program in the Atchafalaya Delta WMA. Requires the dept. to locate mooring pilings where appropriate in the WMA. Provides that 40% of the mooring sites be leased through a bidding process and 60% through a lottery system. Sets fees of \$300 for two pilings or \$500 for three or more.

Proposed law also creates the Atchafalaya Delta WMA Mooring Account in the Conservation Fund and provides that revenues received from payments for mooring access fees be placed in the fund. Provides that the monies in the fund be used exclusively for development, construction, maintenance, and dredging of the mooring sites in the Atchafalaya Delta WMA.

Effective on signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Adds R.S. 56:109.3)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Natural Resources and Environment to the original bill.

1. Removed the authorization for the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to set the fees within certain limitations and specifies what those fees shall be.