

SENATE BILL NO. 97

BY SENATOR ADLEY

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

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AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 40:2616(A)(1), relative to public sales and auctions; to provide that property forfeited under the Uniform Controlled Dangerous Substances Act is subject to public sale or public auction sale; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 40:2616(A)(1) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§2616. Allocation of forfeited property; creation of special funds; reporting

A.(1) Except as provided in Paragraph (2) of this Subsection, when property is forfeited under the provisions of this Chapter, the district attorney shall authorize a public sale or ~~an~~ **a public** auction sale conducted by a licensed auctioneer, without appraisal, of that which is not required by law to be destroyed and which is not harmful to the public. The proceeds of any sale and any monies forfeited or obtained by judgment or settlement under this Section shall be deposited in the Special Asset Forfeiture Fund as established herein until disposed of pursuant to court order.

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Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become effective on the day following such approval.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_