
DIGEST

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HB No. 1241

Abstract: Provides for the deposit of settlement proceeds as a result of the Deepwater Horizon oil spill into the Budget Stabilization Fund and the Medicaid Trust Fund for the Elderly.

Present law establishes the Budget Stabilization Fund and the Medicaid Trust Fund for the Elderly and provides for deposits and uses of the fund.

Proposed law creates the Deepwater Horizon Economic Damages Collection Fund and deposits proceeds of the settlement, judgment, or final disposition of the state's economic damages claims asserted in State of Louisiana v. BP Exploration & Production, et al., MDL NO. 2179 (E.D.LA. pending), hereinafter "DWH litigation", to recover economic damages sustained by the state from the Deepwater Horizon explosion and oil spill that occurred on or about April 20, 2010, at the MC 252 site in the Gulf of Mexico into the fund.

Proposed law further provides that within 30 days of each deposit of economic damages proceeds from the DWH litigation into the fund, the treasurer shall make the transfers from the fund as follows:

- (1) 50% of the deposits shall be transferred to the Budget Stabilization Fund until the fund reaches the balance of the fund as of April 20, 2010.
- (2) 50% of the deposits shall be transferred to the Medicaid Trust Fund for the Elderly until an amount not to exceed \$700 million has been deposited into the fund except when the terms and conditions stipulated in the settlement or judgment require otherwise.

The provisions of proposed law shall be null, void, and of no effect at the later of the conclusion of the DWH litigation or July 1, 2024.

Effective July 1, 2014.

(Amends R.S. 46:2691(A); Adds R.S. 39:91)