Regular Session, 2014

HOUSE BILL NO. 1082

BY REPRESENTATIVE STUART BISHOP

FISHING/LICENSES: Imposes an additional fee on the sale of saltwater fishing licenses and dedicates the revenues

1	AN ACT
2	To enact R.S. 56:10(B)(1)(h) and 302.1(C)(1)(c), relative to saltwater fishing licenses; to
3	increase the fee for saltwater fishing licenses; to dedicate the funds derived from the
4	increased cost to saltwater fish research and conservation; to create the Saltwater
5	Fish Research and Conservation Fund; and to provide for related matters.
6	Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
7	Section 1. R.S. 56:10(B)(1)(h) and 302.1(C)(1)(c) are hereby enacted to read as
8	follows:
9	§10. Annual report to governor; estimate of proposed expenditures; particular funds;
10	warrants; vouchers; surplus funds
11	* * *
12	B.(1) Subject to the exception contained in Article VII, Section 9(A) of the
13	Constitution of Louisiana, all funds collected by the commission from every source
14	shall be paid into the state treasury and shall be credited to the Bond Security and
15	Redemption Fund. Out of the funds remaining in the Bond Security and Redemption
16	Fund after a sufficient amount is allocated from that fund to pay all obligations
17	secured by the full faith and credit of the state which become due and payable within
18	any fiscal year, the treasurer shall, prior to placing such remaining funds in the state
19	general fund, conform to the following:
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1	(h) Between June 1, 2014, and May 31, 2018, pay annually into the
2	Conservation Fund, into a special account entitled the "Saltwater Fish Research and
3	Conservation Fund", an amount equal to the fees collected pursuant to R.S.
4	56:302.1(C)(1)(c). Such funds shall be used by the office of fisheries for data
5	collection and management and conservation of recreational saltwater fish species.
6	* * *
7	§302.1. Annual license; temporary license; fees; saltwater fee; exemptions
8	* * *
9	C.(1)
10	* * *
11	(c) Between June 1, 2014, and May 31, 2018, in addition to the fee required
12	by Subparagraph (a) of this Paragraph for purchase of a saltwater fishing license,
13	there shall be an additional fee of seven dollars and fifty cents to be paid for each
14	license purchased by a resident that shall be deposited into the Saltwater Fish
15	Research and Conservation Fund created in R.S. 56:10(B)(1)(h).
16	* * *
17	Section 2. This Act shall become effective on June 1, 2014; if vetoed by the
18	governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become effective on
19	June 1, 2014, or on the day following such approval by the legislature, whichever is later.

DIGEST

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Stuart Bishop

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Abstract: Provides for an additional fee for a resident saltwater fishing license and dedicates the revenues to saltwater fisheries management and conservation.

<u>Present law</u> requires a saltwater fishing license in order to fish for saltwater fish in La. Provides for a \$5.50 fee for purchase of such license for residents and \$30 for non-residents. <u>Proposed law</u> provides for an additional fee of \$7.50 for residents purchasing a saltwater license between June 1, 2014, and May 31, 2018. Provides that the revenues from such additional fee be deposited to the Saltwater Fish Research and Conservation Fund. <u>Proposed law</u> creates such fund and provides that the revenues deposited into the fund be used by the office of fisheries of the Dept. of Wildlife and Fisheries for data collection and management of recreational saltwater fish species.

Effective June 1, 2014.

(Adds R.S. 56:10(B)(1)(h) and 302.1(C)(1)(c))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

Committee Amendments Proposed by <u>House Committee on Natural Resources and</u> <u>Environment</u> to the <u>original</u> bill.

- 1. Provided for an additional license fee of \$7.50, in addition to the resident saltwater fishing license fee of \$5.50, rather than increasing the existing fee.
- 2. Provided the additional fee is applicable between June 1, 2014, and May 31, 2018.