
DIGEST

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HB 683 Engrossed

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Abstract: Allows persons who hold certain licenses to sell dredged material and specifies that the royalty and bonding exemption for dredging operations and dredged materials applies to all waterbodies of the state.

Present law provides for Class A, B, C, D, and E classes of licenses to dredge materials from the water bottoms of this state.

Present law further provides that only holders of Class A licenses are authorized to sell fill sand or fill material dredged. Further, holders of Class B, C, D, or E licenses cannot sell fill sand or fill material which was dredged or caused to be dredged under authority of those licenses.

Proposed law allows holders of Class D permits to sell fill sand or fill material that was dredged.

Present law provides for bond requirements for dredging activities and royalty requirements for dredged material.

Present law grants an exemption from payment of the present law royalties and bond requirements to any private landowner, state agency, political subdivision, or associated consultant or contractor engaged in a coastal protection, conservation, or restoration activity consistent with an annual plan or the comprehensive master plan, or engaged in an activity to remove sediment buildup to preserve or restore the natural habitat of a waterbody of the state or to enhance navigation and recreation activities on a waterbody of the state.

Proposed law retains present law and specifies that the provisions of present law apply to all waterbodies of the state.

(Amends R.S. 56:2011(D) and (E))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

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

1. Authorize holders of a Class D license to dredge to sell fill sand or fill materials dredged.
2. Make technical changes.