

**ACT No. 41**

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HOUSE BILL NO. 4

BY REPRESENTATIVE BISHOP

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AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 56:10(B)(1)(g) and (16)(a) and 302.1(C)(1)(c) and to enact R.S. 56:10(B)(16)(d) and 639.8(E)(4), relative to saltwater fishing licenses; to extend the applicability of an additional fee for purchase of a saltwater fishing license; to allow for the increase of an additional fee for purchase of a saltwater fishing license; to provide for the sources of revenue for a saltwater fish stock estimate; to require an annual report to certain legislative committees; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 56:10(B)(1)(g) and (16)(a) and 302.1(C)(1)(c) are hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 56:10(B)(16)(d) and 639.8(E)(4) are hereby enacted to read as follows:

§10. Annual report to governor; estimate of proposed expenditures; particular funds; limitations on purposes for use of monies in particular funds; warrants; vouchers; surplus funds

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B.(1) Subject to the exception contained in Article VII, Section 9(A) of the Constitution of Louisiana, all funds collected by the commission from every source shall be paid into the state treasury and shall be credited to the Bond Security and Redemption Fund. Out of the funds remaining in the Bond Security and Redemption Fund after a sufficient amount is allocated from that fund to pay all obligations secured by the full faith and credit of the state which become due and payable within

1           any fiscal year, the treasurer shall, prior to placing such remaining funds in the state  
2           general fund, conform to the following:

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4                           (g) Between June 1, 2014, and May 31, ~~2018~~ 2022, pay annually into  
5           the Conservation Fund, into a special account designated as the "Saltwater  
6           Fish Research and Conservation Fund", an amount equal to the fees collected  
7           pursuant to R.S. 56:302.1(C)(1)(c).

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9                           (16)(a) The monies in the Saltwater Fish Research and Conservation Fund  
10          shall be used solely for the administration and conducting of the Louisiana  
11          Recreational Creel Survey (LACREEL), ~~and~~ the Recreational Offshore Landing  
12          Permit program (ROLP), and the saltwater fish stock estimate.

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14                           (d) The department shall make an annual report to the Senate Committee on  
15          Natural Resources and the House Committee on Natural Resources and Environment  
16          on the progress and effectiveness of LACREEL and the saltwater fish stock estimate.

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18                           §302.1. Annual license; temporary license; fees; saltwater fee; exemptions

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20                           C.(1)

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22                           (c) Between June 1, 2014, and May 31, ~~2018~~ 2022, in addition to the fee  
23          required by Subparagraph (a) of this Paragraph for purchase of a saltwater fishing  
24          license, there shall be an additional fee of seven dollars and fifty cents to be paid for  
25          each license purchased by a resident that shall be credited to the Saltwater Fish  
26          Research and Conservation Fund, R.S. 56:10(B)(1)(g). The commission is  
27          authorized to increase the additional fee to an amount not to exceed nine dollars and  
28          fifty cents. The increase in the additional fee shall be used for the administration and  
29          conducting of the saltwater fish stock estimate.

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