

Regular Session, 2012

HOUSE BILL NO. 918

BY REPRESENTATIVE GUINN

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 38:216.1, relative to unauthorized openings of water control structures; to
3 prohibit the unauthorized opening of a water control structure; to provide for
4 penalties; to provide for revocation of licenses and permits; and to provide for related
5 matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 38:216.1 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

8 §216.1. Water control structures; unauthorized opening; penalties

9 A. No unauthorized person shall willfully open any water control structure
10 which will result in the drainage of saltwater into any natural water body or drain.

11 B. For purposes of this Section, "water control structure" shall mean a
12 structure in a water management system that conveys water, controls the direction
13 or rate of flow, maintains a desired water surface elevation, or measures water.

14 C. Whoever violates the provisions of this Section shall be fined not less
15 than five hundred dollars nor more than one thousand dollars or imprisoned, with or
16 without hard labor, for not more than five years, or both.

17 D. In addition to the above penalties, any hunting, fishing, or gear license or
18 permit or privilege possessed by the offender may be revoked and the offender may
19 be permanently prohibited from seeking any permit, license, or privilege.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____