

Regular Session, 2014

SENATE BILL NO. 202

BY SENATOR ALLAIN

FISH/FISHING. Provides for an exemption from fees associated with the Fishermen's Gear Compensation Fund. (7/1/14)

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 56:700.2(C)(2), relative to the Fishermen's Gear Compensation
3 Fund; to provide an exemption for certain fees; to provide terms, conditions, and
4 requirements; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 56:700.2(C)(2) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

7 §700.2. Establishment, continuance, and purposes of fund; geographical coverage;
8 assessments

9 C.(1) * * *

10 (2)(a) To create a workable balance immediately upon establishment of the
11 fund, the secretary shall be authorized and empowered to levy a fee upon each lessee
12 of a state mineral lease and each grantee of a state right of way, for each lease and
13 right of way in effect at the time of the effective date of this Part and which are
14 located within the coastal zone boundary, in an amount of three hundred dollars. The
15 secretary shall not be authorized and empowered to levy the fee upon a political
16 subdivision of the state.

17 (b) ~~In addition, the~~ The state treasurer shall be authorized to pay into the fund

1 a sum in the amount of one hundred thousand dollars from proceeds remaining in the
 2 Bond Security and Redemption Fund after compliance with dedications of mineral
 3 royalties, leases, bonuses and rights of way and other sums payable to the state as
 4 lessor of mineral leases and grantor of rights of way as required pursuant to R.S.
 5 30:136(B) and R.S. 30:136.1(A), (B), and (C), after a sufficient amount has been
 6 allocated from the Bond Security and Redemption Fund to pay all obligations
 7 secured by the full faith and credit of the state which become due and payable within
 8 the fiscal year.

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10 Section 2. This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2014.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by McHenry Lee.

DIGEST

Allain (SB 202)

Present law establishes the Fishermen's Gear Compensation Fund to provide compensation to commercial fishermen whose gear is damaged due to certain underwater obstructions.

Present law authorizes the secretary of DW&F to levy a fee of \$300 on each lessee of a state mineral lease and each grantee of a state right of way that are located within the coastal zone boundary.

Proposed law exempts political subdivisions from the \$300 fee.

Effective July 1, 2014.

(Amends R.S. 56:700.2(C)(2))