

SENATE BILL NO. 84

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Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

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AN ACT

To enact R.S. 56:644, relative to fishing and hunting licenses; to authorize a checkoff for a donation to Hunters for the Hungry; to create the Hunters for the Hungry Account in the Conservation Fund; to provide for the deposit of donated monies into the account; to provide for the administration and use of monies in the account; to provide for audit of the account by the legislative auditor; to provide for certain terms, conditions, and requirements; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 56:644 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§644. Fishing and hunting license checkoff; donation for Hunters for the Hungry

A. Each individual who purchases a fishing or hunting license may donate to Hunters for the Hungry. The donation shall be made at the time of the purchase of the license and shall be made upon the license form as prescribed by the secretary.

1 B. There is hereby created within the Conservation Fund a special
2 account known as the "Hunters for the Hungry Account". The account is
3 created to receive deposits of donations for the benefit of Hunters for the
4 Hungry made when an individual purchases a fishing and hunting license.
5 Subject to the exception contained in Article VII, Section 9(A) of the
6 Constitution of Louisiana, all funds collected from the donations made under
7 the provisions of this Section shall be paid into the state treasury and shall be
8 credited to the Bond Security and Redemption Fund. Out of the funds
9 remaining in the Bond Security and Redemption Fund after a sufficient amount
10 is allocated from that fund to pay all obligations secured by the full faith and
11 credit of the state which become due and payable within any fiscal year, the
12 treasurer shall, prior to placing such remaining funds in the state general fund,
13 pay into the Hunters for the Hungry Account an amount equal to the amount
14 of funds collected under the provisions of this Section. The account shall be
15 administered by the treasurer who shall every three months remit the balance
16 of the monies in the account to Hunters for the Hungry. The monies in the
17 account shall be used solely as provided by Subsection C of this Section. All
18 unexpended and unencumbered monies in this account at the end of the fiscal
19 year shall remain in the fund. The monies in the fund shall be invested by the
20 state treasurer in the same manner as monies in the state general fund.

21 C. No more than ten percent of the monies in the account shall be used
22 for administrative costs. The balance shall be used solely by Hunters for the
23 Hungry to pay for the processing and distribution of meats when the meats shall
24 be used by a not-for-profit entity or a charitable organization in food or meal
25 distribution at no cost to an individual.

26 D. All monies used pursuant to the Hunters for the Hungry Account shall
27 be subject to audit by the legislative auditor.

28 E. At the end of each calendar year, Hunters for the Hungry shall submit
29 to the House Natural Resources and Environment Committee and the Senate
30 Committee on Natural Resources a report that at a minimum contains a

1 detailed explanation of the revenues and expenditures of the account, as well as
 2 a description of the organization's activities related to the account. The
 3 committee may summon any person employed by or associated with Hunters
 4 for the Hungry to provide testimony with respect to the report.

5 Section 2. This Act shall become effective on June 1, 2014.

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____