

SENATE BILL NO. 371

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AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 56:10.1(C), relative to the Aquatic Plant Control Fund; to provide for certain uses of the fund; to provide that the fund may be used for salaries or related benefits for the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 56:10.1(C) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§10.1. Aquatic Plant Control Fund; creation; uses

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C. Subject to an annual appropriation by the legislature, the monies in the Aquatic Plant Control Fund shall be used solely by the office of fisheries, Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, to fund the aquatic plant control program and to fund cooperative research and public education efforts by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries and the LSU Agricultural Center relative to aquatic weed control and eradication. An amount not to exceed fifteen percent of the annual appropriation shall be used to fund research and public education efforts relative to aquatic weed control and eradication by the LSU Agricultural Center. ~~The funds appropriated pursuant to the provisions of this Section shall not be used for salaries or related benefits for the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries. The funds appropriated pursuant to the provisions of this Section shall not displace, replace, nor supplant the level of funding appropriated for this program in Fiscal Year 2001-2002~~

1 ~~but shall be in addition to that level of funding.~~ **be in addition to any other**
2 **amounts appropriated by the legislature.**

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____