

House File 68 - Introduced

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(COMPANION TO SF 10 BY JOHNSON)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act extending a provision relating to the use of certain
2 increases in watercraft registration fees by the natural
3 resource commission.
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 462A.52, subsections 2 and 3, Code 2013,
2 are amended to read as follows:

3 2. Notwithstanding subsection 1, any increase in revenues
4 received on or after July 1, 2007, but on or before June
5 30, ~~2013~~ 2023, pursuant to this section as a result of fee
6 increases pursuant to 2005 Iowa Acts, ch. 137, shall be used
7 by the commission only for the administration and enforcement
8 of programs to control aquatic invasive species and for the
9 administration and enforcement of navigation laws and water
10 safety upon the inland waters of this state and shall be used
11 in addition to funds already being expended by the commission
12 each year for these purposes. The commission shall not reduce
13 the amount of other funds being expended on an annual basis for
14 these purposes as of July 1, 2005, during the period of the
15 appropriation provided for in this subsection.

16 3. The commission shall submit a written report to the
17 general assembly by December 31, 2007, and by December 31
18 of each year thereafter through December 31, ~~2013~~ 2023,
19 summarizing the activities of the department in administering
20 and enforcing programs to control aquatic invasive species
21 and administering and enforcing navigation laws and water
22 safety upon the inland waters of the state. The report shall
23 include information concerning the amount of revenues collected
24 pursuant to this section as a result of fee increases pursuant
25 to 2005 Iowa Acts, ch. 137, and how the revenues were expended.
26 The report shall also include information concerning the amount
27 and source of all other funds expended by the commission during
28 the year for the purposes of administering and enforcing
29 programs to control aquatic invasive species and administering
30 and enforcing navigation laws and water safety upon the inland
31 waters of the state and how the funds were expended.

32 EXPLANATION

33 This bill extends the designation of certain increases
34 in registration fees for watercraft for use by the natural
35 resource commission for an additional 10 years.

1 In 2005, registration fees for watercraft were raised, and
2 the increase in revenues received on or after July 1, 2007,
3 but on or before June 30, 2013, was designated for use by the
4 natural resource commission only for the administration and
5 enforcement of programs to control aquatic invasive species and
6 for the administration and enforcement of navigation laws and
7 water safety upon the inland waters of this state. These funds
8 were to be used in addition to funds already being expended by
9 the commission each year for those purposes and the commission
10 was prohibited from reducing the amount of other funds being
11 expended for those purposes as of July 1, 2005. The commission
12 was also required to submit an annual report to the general
13 assembly each year summarizing the activities of the department
14 of natural resources in carrying out those purposes.

15 The bill provides that this provision will sunset in 2023
16 instead of 2013.