BILL ANALYSIS

Senate Research Center

C.S.S.B. 1158 By: Averitt Natural Resources 4/17/2003 Committee Report (Substituted)

DIGEST AND PURPOSE

Currently, all revenue generated by the motorboat registration fee and the motorboat manufacturer or dealer registration fee is statutorily dedicated to Fund 9, the Game, Fish and Water Safety Account. C.S.S.B. 1158 requires that 15 percent of revenue generated from vessel registration fees, vessel manufacturer or dealer licensing fees, and vessel and outboard motor titling fees be deposited to the state parks account.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 11.032, Parks and Wildlife Code, by amending Subsection (b) and adding Subsection (c), as follows:

(b) Requires the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) to deposit to the credit of the game, fish, and water safety account all revenue, less allowable costs, from certain sources including vessel registration fees, rather than motorboat registration fees; vessel manufacturer or dealer licensing fee, rather than motorboat manufacturer or dealer registration fees; and vessel and outboard motor titling fees.

(c) Requires TPWD, not later than the 10th day of each month, to transfer 15 percent of all amounts collected during the previous month from sources described by Subsection (b)(15), (16), or (22) to the state parks account.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 2003.