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state lake improvement fund; drones

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CHAPTER 179

HOUSE BILL 2637

AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 5-382, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO THE STATE
LAKE IMPROVEMENT FUND.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Section 5-382, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
3 read:

4 5-382. State lake improvement fund; administration; report

5 A. ~~THE~~ state lake improvement fund is established. Monies
6 deposited in the fund shall be used only as provided in this section.

7 B. All monies in the state lake improvement fund are appropriated
8 to the Arizona state parks board solely for the purposes provided in this
9 section. Interest earned on monies in the fund shall be credited to the
10 fund. Monies in the state lake improvement fund are exempt from the
11 provisions of section 35-190 relating to lapsing of appropriations.

12 C. The Arizona state parks board shall ~~administer~~ USE the monies in
13 the fund as follows:

14 1. To fund staff support to plan and administer the state lake
15 improvement fund in conjunction with other administrative tasks and
16 recreation plans of the board.

17 2. To fund projects on waters where ~~gasoline-powered~~
18 GASOLINE-POWERED boats are ~~permitted and shall be~~ ALLOWED, limited to the
19 following:

- 20 (a) Public launching ramps.
- 21 (b) Public piers, marinas or marina stadia.
- 22 (c) Public toilets, sanitation facilities and domestic waters.
- 23 (d) Public picnic tables and facilities.
- 24 (e) Public parking areas.
- 25 (f) Lake construction or improvement.
- 26 (g) Marking buoys and other safety facilities.
- 27 (h) Watercraft.
- 28 (i) Public campgrounds.
- 29 (j) Acquisition of real and personal property through purchase,
30 lease, agreement or otherwise for the purpose of providing access to
31 waters where boating is permitted.

32 (k) Design and engineering projects.

33 3. TO FUND THE PURCHASE OF DRONES TO CLEAN PLASTIC, ALGAE, BIOMASS
34 AND OTHER FLOATING TRASH FROM LAKES AND WATERWAYS. THE DRONES SHALL BE
35 EQUIPPED WITH THE FOLLOWING SPECIFICATIONS:

36 (a) TIME STAMPED AND GPS LOCATING DATA SENSORS TO PROVIDE CONSTANT
37 MONITORING OF LAKES AND WATERWAYS.

38 (b) COLLISION AVOIDANCE.

39 4. TO FUND THE PURCHASE OF DRONES BY LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES AND
40 FIRE SERVICE AGENCIES FOR THE PURPOSES OF SEARCH, RESCUE AND RECOVERY
41 OPERATIONS AND TRAINING IN THE USE AND OPERATION OF THE DRONES.

42 D. Projects involving expenditure of monies from ~~such~~ THE fund may
43 be accomplished by the Arizona state parks board, by the Arizona game and
44 fish commission, by the board of supervisors of any county, ~~or~~ by the
45 governing body of a city or town, ~~provided such~~ OR BY THE GOVERNING BODY

1 OF A FIRE DISTRICT IF THE projects do not interfere with any vested water
2 rights, or the operation or maintenance of water projects, including
3 domestic, municipal, irrigation district, drainage district, flood control
4 district or reclamation projects. The Arizona outdoor recreation
5 coordinating commission, established by section 41-518, shall examine
6 applications for eligible projects, determine the amount of funding, if
7 any, for each project and submit a list of projects, subject to prior
8 review by the joint committee on capital review, to the Arizona state
9 parks board for allocation from the fund. The board shall annually report
10 to the legislature the expenditures made for such projects in conjunction
11 with the report required by section 41-511.12.

12 E. State lake improvement ~~funds~~ FUND MONIES may be used on projects
13 ~~where~~ IF matching funds are made available.

APPROVED BY THE GOVERNOR APRIL 23, 2024.

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