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HOUSE BILL NO. 718

BY REPRESENTATIVE CHARLES OWEN AND SENATORS BARROW, BERNARD, Boudreaux, Bouie, Cathey, Cortez, Fesi, Foil, Harris, Henry, Hewitt, Jackson, Luneau, McMATH, MILLIGAN, ROBERT MILLS, Mizell, Morris, Peacock, Pope, Reese, Smith, Stine, Talbot, AND WOMACK

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 56:3000(G), 3001, 3002, and 3004(Section heading), (A)(introductory paragraph), (2), and (3), and (B)(introductory paragraph) and to enact R.S. 56:3000(F)(4) and (5), relative to hunting and fishing licenses; to provide additional eligibility for resident recreational license rates; to provide for the cost of a Senior/Retired Military combination license; to provide for conflicts with other law; to provide for effective date and conditions of enactment; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1.  R.S. 56:3000(G), 3001, 3002, and 3004(Section heading), (A)(introductory paragraph), (2), and (3), and (B)(introductory paragraph) are hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 56:3000(F)(4) and (5) are hereby enacted to read as follows:

§3000.  Recreational license requirements; definitions

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F.  In addition to a person who qualifies as a resident of Louisiana, the following people qualify for resident licenses:

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(4) Any person who has been awarded a Purple Heart may be issued an annual hunting and fishing license at the resident rate. The applicant must provide identification and proof of eligibility satisfactory to the department.

(5) Any honorably discharged member of the United States Armed Forces or National Guard who either enlisted for service while residing in Louisiana or was discharged from service while residing in Louisiana may be issued an annual hunting and fishing license at the resident rate. The applicant must provide identification and proof of eligibility satisfactory to the department. In addition to any other documentation accepted by the department as satisfactory proof of military service, government-issued separation and discharge documentation, such as a DD-214 or NGB-22, showing enlistment or discharge in the state of Louisiana shall be considered satisfactory proof of eligibility under this Paragraph.

G. A person may qualify for a Senior/Retired Military Hunting and Fishing license as follows:

(1) A resident who reaches age sixty prior to June 1, 2000, may obtain an annual Senior license for no cost.

(2) A resident who reaches age sixty between June 1, 2000, and May 31, 2022, may obtain an annual Senior Hunting and Fishing license for the cost of five dollars.

(3) A resident who reaches age sixty-five on or after June 1, 2027, may obtain an annual Senior Hunting and Fishing license for the cost of twenty dollars.

(4) Upon application to the department and showing identification and proof of military service satisfactory to the department, any person who is a retired member of the United States Armed Forces, including the Louisiana Army National Guard or the Louisiana Air National Guard, and was either born in Louisiana or is a bona fide resident of Louisiana, may obtain an annual license at one-half the cost of an annual resident license for the cost of twenty dollars.
§3001. Recreational fishing licenses; fees

Fishing licenses:

(1) A. Resident licenses including bona fide residents, active and native-born retired members of the United States Armed Forces, including the Louisiana Army National Guard or the Louisiana Air National Guard, and nonresident students:

(1) Hook and line license $5.00/year (allows using a pole, hook and line, without a reel and without using artificial bait, dip nets, landing nets, minnow traps, crab nets, or crab lines)

(2) Basic fishing license $17.00/year (includes all legal recreational freshwater gear)

(3) Saltwater fishing license $15.00/year (includes all legal recreational saltwater gear)

(4) Charter three-day saltwater fishing license $20.00

(5) Charter three-day freshwater fishing license $10.00

(2) B. Nonresident licenses:

(1) Basic fishing license $68.00/year (includes all legal recreational freshwater gear)

(2) Saltwater fishing license $60.00/year (includes all legal recreational saltwater gear)

(3) Five-day basic fishing $30.00 (includes all legal freshwater recreational gear)

(4) Five-day saltwater fishing $30.00 (includes all legal saltwater recreational gear)

(5) Charter boat three-day saltwater fishing license $20.00

(6) Charter boat three-day freshwater fishing license $10.00

§3002. Recreational hunting licenses; fees

(1) A. Resident licenses including Louisiana residents, active and reserve members of the United States Armed Forces including the National Guard, and nonresident students:

(1) Basic hunting license $20.00/year

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(b) (2) Deer hunting license $15.00/year
(includes deer tags, archery and primitive privileges)

(e) (3) Waterfowl license $12.00/year

(4) Turkey license (includes tags) $12.00/year

(e) (5) Youth hunting license $5.00/year
(required for hunting deer, turkey, trapping, and youth lottery hunts)

(2) B. Nonresident licenses:

(a) (1) Basic hunting license $200.00/year

(b) (2) Deer hunting license $100.00/year
(includes deer tags, archery and primitive privileges)

(c) (3) Waterfowl hunting license $50.00/year

(d) (4) Turkey hunting license (includes tags) $50.00/year

(e) (5) Five-day basic hunting license $65.00

(f) (6) Five-day deer hunting license $35.00

(g) (7) Five-day waterfowl hunting license $35.00

(h) (8) Five-day turkey hunting license $35.00

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§3004. Combination licenses (includes all hunting, fishing, and WMA access privileges); fees

A. Resident licenses including Louisiana residents, active and reserve members of the United States Armed Forces including the National Guard, and nonresident students:

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(2) Seniors and Senior/Retired Military $20.00/year

(3) Disabled/Special Needs and special needs $4.00/year

B. Nonresident licenses:

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Section 2. If enacted on or before June 1, 2022, this Act shall become effective on June 1, 2022, and the provisions of this Act shall supersede any conflicting provisions of Act No. 356 of the 2021 Regular Session.
Section 3. If enacted on or after June 2, 2022, this Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become effective on the day following such approval.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: