

2018 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 687

BY REPRESENTATIVE ZERINGUE

WILDLIFE & FISHERIES: Restructuring of hunting and fishing licenses

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 56:10(B)(1)(f) and (g), (5), (6), (7), (9), (10), (13), 103(A), (B),
3 and (C), 109(D), 116(C)(1) and (D), 116.1(C)(3), 302, 302.1, 302.9(A)(1),
4 302.9.1(E), 302.10, 325.1(A)(1) and (3), and (C)(2)(d), 325.3(A)(1), 330(B), 500(A),
5 641(A), 649.1, 649.2, 649.3, 649.4, 649.7, to enact Subpart B of Part III of Chapter
6 I of Title 56 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S.
7 56:91 through 96, to enact R.S. 56:10 (16), 10.2, 678, and 679, and to repeal R.S.
8 56:10(B)(1)(d), 103(E) and (F), 103.1, 104, 105, 155, 156, 157, 164, 165, 166, 302.1,
9 302.2, 302.3, 302.4, 302.5, 302.6, 641.1, 642, 643, 646, 647.1, 649.5, 649.6, 650,
10 650.1, 1832, 1833, relative to licenses to hunt and fish; to restructure the recreational
11 hunting and fishing licensing system for the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries;
12 to provide relative to the cost of hunting and fishing licenses; to dedicate revenues
13 from the sale of hunting and fishing licenses; and to provide for related matters.

14 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

15 Section 1. R.S. 56:10(B)(1)(f) and (g), (5), (6), (7), (9), (10), (13), 103(A), (B), and
16 (C), 109(D), 116(C)(1) and (D), 116.1(C)(3), 302, 302.1, 302.9(A)(1), 302.9.1(E), 302.10,
17 325.1(A)(1) and (3), and (C)(2)(d), 325.3(A)(1), 330(B), 500(A), 641(A), 649.1, 649.2,
18 649.3, 649.4, 649.7 are hereby amended and reenacted, and Subpart B of Part III of Chapter
19 I of Title 56 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 56:91
20 through 96 and R.S. 56:10(16), 10.2, 678, and 679 are hereby enacted to read as follows:

1 §10. Annual report to governor; estimate of proposed expenditures; particular funds;
2 warrants; vouchers; surplus funds

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4 (B)(1)

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6 (f) ~~Pay annually into the Conservation Fund, an amount equal to the~~
7 ~~additional charter fishing fees collected pursuant to R.S. 56:302.1(C)(2)(c) and~~
8 ~~302.9(C)(2)(b) and paid into the treasury by the commission. There is hereby~~
9 ~~created in the Conservation Fund, the Charter Boat Fishing Fund. Such funds Funds~~
10 ~~deposited into the fund~~ shall be used by the department for the promotion of the
11 charter boat industry, protection of the fishery, and to provide for administrative
12 costs of the fund. Such funds are to be expended for such purposes through the
13 Louisiana Charter Boat Association.

14 (g) ~~Between June 1, 2014, and May 31, 2018, pay~~ There is hereby created
15 in the Conservation Fund ~~annually into the Conservation Fund, into~~ a special account
16 designated as the "Saltwater Fish Research and Conservation Fund", ~~an amount~~
17 ~~equal to the fees collected pursuant to R.S. 56:302.1(C)(1)(c).~~

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19 (R.S. 56:10(B)(1)(d)) (5)(a) There is hereby created in the Conservation
20 Fund a special account known as the Louisiana Duck License, Stamp, and Print
21 Fund. The treasurer shall pay ~~Pay~~ annually into a ~~special fund created in the state~~
22 ~~treasury and designated as the Louisiana Duck License, Stamp, and Print Fund~~ all
23 amounts received pursuant to the Louisiana Duck License, Stamp, and Print Program
24 provided for in R.S. 56:151 et seq. and such other funds as are specifically
25 appropriated by the legislature.

26 (b) The monies in the Louisiana Duck License, Stamp, and Print Fund shall
27 be used solely for the programs and purposes associated with the Louisiana Duck
28 License, Stamp, and Print Program ~~as provided by R.S. 56:151 et seq.~~ in the amounts
29 appropriated each year to the department by the legislature as follows:

1 ~~(R.S.56:155(B)(1))~~ (a) To acquire lands in Louisiana which have the primary
2 and direct purpose of conserving, restoring, and enhancing migratory waterfowl
3 habitat.

4 ~~(R.S.56:155(B)(2))~~ (b) To carry out migratory waterfowl habitat restoration
5 and enhancement projects on lands under the jurisdiction of the Louisiana
6 Department of Wildlife and Fisheries.

7 ~~(R.S.56:155(B)(3))~~ (c) To fulfill the purposes of Paragraphs (1) and (2) of
8 this Subsection, when feasible and when in coastal areas, in a manner which will
9 contribute to the protection of the coastal areas of the state from deterioration and
10 which will enhance the productivity of the coastal marshes.

11 ~~(R.S.56:155(B)(4))~~ (d) To acquire lands for wildlife and game management.

12 ~~(R.S.56:155(C)(1))~~ (e) To make grants, not to exceed ten percent of the
13 program revenues, to the North American Waterfowl Habitat Conservation Plan for
14 the purpose of acquiring, developing, or maintaining migratory waterfowl areas
15 within Louisiana.

16 ~~(R.S.56:155(C)(2))~~ (f) To cover the administrative costs associated with the
17 implementation of the Louisiana Duck License, Stamp, and Print Program, not to
18 exceed five percent of the program revenues.

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20 (6) ~~(a)~~ There is hereby created within the Conservation Fund a special
21 account known as the "natural heritage account" which shall consist of ~~those~~
22 ~~revenues collected from the sale of "Wild Louisiana" stamps and prints provided for~~
23 ~~in R.S. 56:1832 and those funds donated or allocated for the protection and~~
24 stewardship of Louisiana's wild lands and waters to support the functions of the
25 Louisiana Natural Heritage Program. The revenues shall be subject to the same
26 requirements as provided for other revenues placed in the Conservation Fund in
27 Paragraph (1) of this Subsection. The funds in this account shall be used solely for
28 the implementation and administration of Parts I, II, III, and IV of Chapter 8 of this
29 Title and the natural heritage and nongame programs within the department.

1 ~~(b)(i) Five percent of the net proceeds derived from the fifty dollar fee~~
2 ~~imposed by R.S. 47:463.45(B) for the black bear prestige license plate shall be used~~
3 ~~to promote the existence of the black bear prestige license plate and its availability~~
4 ~~for use on passenger cars, pickup trucks, and vans.~~

5 ~~(ii) Five percent of the net proceeds derived from the fifty dollar fee imposed~~
6 ~~by R.S. 47:463.46(B) for the Louisiana Quail Forever prestige plate shall be used to~~
7 ~~promote the existence of the Louisiana Quail Forever prestige plate and its~~
8 ~~availability for use on passenger cars, pickup trucks, recreational vehicles, and vans.~~

9 ~~(c) Notwithstanding any other provision of the law to the contrary, every~~
10 ~~hunting and fishing license issued by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries shall~~
11 ~~include a notice with a telephone number and mailing address for information on~~
12 ~~how to acquire a black bear prestige license plate for use on one's passenger car,~~
13 ~~pickup truck, or van.~~

14 (7)(a) There is hereby created in the Conservation Fund a special fund called
15 the Louisiana Wild Turkey Fund. The monies in the Louisiana Wild Turkey Fund
16 shall be used solely for the programs and purposes associated with the Louisiana
17 Wild Turkey Program ~~as provided by R.S. 56:161 et seq.~~ in the amounts appropriated
18 each year to the department by the legislature.

19 (b) The revenues collected from the sale of the Louisiana Wild Turkey
20 Federation license plate provided for in R.S. 47:463.54 shall be used solely for
21 turkey restocking and research purposes in the amounts appropriated each year to the
22 commission by the legislature, with the exception of five dollars per plate sold to be
23 used for the purpose of advertising the license plates.

24 ~~(R.S. 56:164(B))~~ (c) Subject to appropriation, the monies in the Louisiana
25 Wild Turkey Fund shall be used:

26 ~~(†)~~ (i) To acquire lands in Louisiana which have the primary and direct
27 purpose of conserving, restoring, and enhancing wild turkey habitat.

1 sufficient monies to be able to certify all lifetime license holders then those funds in
2 excess of twenty million dollars shall be credited to the Conservation Fund.

3 (2)(a) Of the revenues received from the issuance of each lifetime license
4 ~~other than a senior lifetime license~~, one hundred dollars shall be credited to the
5 Lifetime License Endowment Trust Fund, and the remaining funds shall be credited
6 to the Conservation Fund to be used for the purpose of administering and enforcing
7 the provisions of this Chapter or for such other purposes as may be determined by
8 the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, ~~in accordance with requirements of the~~
9 ~~hunting and fishing or other special license fees that would have been required for~~
10 ~~the hunting and fishing privileges covered by the provisions of R.S. 56:649.1, 649.2,~~
11 ~~649.3, or 649.4.~~

12 (b) ~~Of the revenues received from the issuance of each senior lifetime~~
13 ~~combination license, five dollars shall be credited to the Conservation Fund, and the~~
14 ~~remaining revenues shall be credited to the Lifetime License Endowment Trust Fund.~~

15 (c) ~~Of the revenues received from the additional gear license fees levied in~~
16 ~~R.S. 56:649.3(B), one-tenth shall be deposited to the Conservation Fund to be used~~
17 ~~by the department for its fiscal operations. The remaining nine-tenths of the revenues~~
18 ~~collected shall be deposited to the Lifetime License Endowment Trust Fund.~~

19 B.(1) The Lifetime License Endowment Trust Fund is hereby established as
20 a public trust fund, the principal of which shall be invested at interest in perpetuity
21 and shall not be expended. The state treasurer shall, on a monthly basis, credit the
22 Conservation Fund with all interest revenues generated by investment of the
23 principal of the Lifetime License Endowment Trust Fund.

24 (2) The state treasurer shall credit to the Lifetime License Endowment Trust
25 Fund such additional funds as are received from private contributions, grants, and
26 donations made to the Lifetime License Endowment Trust Fund.

27 C. The state treasurer shall invest the principal and the undistributed return
28 on the principal deposited in the Lifetime License Endowment Trust Fund for the

1 purpose of achieving perpetual financing of said fund. Such investments may
2 include, among others authorized by law the following:

3 (1) Equity investments in stocks, common and preferred, or corporations
4 listed on the New York Stock Exchange, the American Stock Exchange, or quoted
5 on the National Association of Securities Dealers Automated Quotations System,
6 provided that the total investment in such securities at any one time shall not exceed
7 thirty-five percent of the market value of all funds held by the fund. The treasurer
8 may hire, on a contract basis, investment managers or consultants as deemed
9 appropriate to provide for the equity investments of the fund. Such contracts shall
10 be on a fee, together with minimum exchange fee, basis or on a commission basis
11 only, with payment for such fees being appropriated from the fund.

12 (2) Direct general obligations of, or obligations on, which the timely payment
13 of the principal and interest is unconditionally guaranteed by the United States of
14 America.

15 (3) Bonds, debentures, notes, or other evidences of indebtedness issued by
16 any of the following agencies of the United States government: Government
17 National Mortgage Association; Rural Development Administration; Export-Import
18 Bank of the United States; Federal National Mortgage Association; Federal Home
19 Loan Mortgage Corporation; Federal Home Loan Bank; and Student Loan Marketing
20 Association.

21 (4) Bonds, debentures, notes, or other evidences of indebtedness issued by
22 any of the following agencies of the United States government, or any other like
23 governmental or government-sponsored agencies which are hereafter created,
24 including the Bank of Cooperatives, Federal Financing Bank, Small Business
25 Administration, and Bank for Reconstruction and Development.

26 (5) Investment grade commercial paper, investment grade corporate bonds,
27 and money market funds consisting solely of securities otherwise eligible for
28 investment by the treasurer pursuant to this Section.

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1 SUBPART B-3. HUNTING AND FISHING LICENSING AND FEES

2 SUBPART A. RECREATIONAL LICENSES

3 §69.41. Recreational license requirements; definitions

4 A.(1) Any person over the age of sixteen years engaged in an activity that
5 involves hunting, fishing, or accessing department-owned property for which a
6 license is required shall have in their immediate possession a valid, original license,
7 or an effective license number, together with a form of personal identification, and
8 shall show such license and identification upon request to a duly authorized agent of
9 the department.

10 (2) Notwithstanding the provisions of Paragraph (1) of this Subsection, any
11 person younger than sixteen years of age engaged in an activity that necessitates the
12 use of deer tags or turkey tags, or involves participation in a youth lottery hunt shall
13 have in their immediate possession a valid, original youth license and shall show
14 such license upon request to a duly authorized agent of the department.

15 B. Licenses shall be valid beginning June first of each calendar year and
16 expiring on June thirtieth of the following calendar year. Licenses may be issued
17 beginning June first of each year for the following license year. In the case where
18 an additional license or permit is required for a specific activity or for the taking or
19 possession of certain species of wildlife or fisheries resources, the basic or
20 prerequisite license must be valid in order for the additional license to be valid. No
21 license shall be assigned or transferred to, or used by, any person other than the
22 individual to whom the license was issued.

23 C. Any license found in the possession of a person other than the one to
24 whom the license was issued shall be confiscated by an officer authorized to enforce
25 the provisions of this Part and shall be delivered to the department for cancellation.
26 Any license confiscated under the provisions of this Section shall be considered void.
27 Any violation of this Subsection shall constitute a class three violation punishable
28 as provided in R.S. 56:33.

1 D. Each license shall be effective only during the open season for the
2 particular species of wildlife or fisheries resource authorized to be taken under the
3 provisions of the license.

4 E.(1) No resident license may be issued until valid proof of Louisiana
5 residency has been provided by the applicant. Residents shall meet the residency
6 requirements specified in R.S. 56:8 for bona fide residents.

7 ~~(R.S. 301.2(A)(4))~~ (2) The issuance of a license is conditional upon
8 validation of all information on the application. If the department finds any material
9 misstatement of fact regarding the residency of the applicant, the license shall be
10 void and shall be immediately surrendered to an agent of the department.

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

13 (1) (R.S. 56:643(B)(1)) Any person who possesses a military identification
14 card that signifies that he is currently on active military duty with any one of the
15 armed forces of the United States, including the National Guard, or the spouse or
16 dependent of such person, may be issued a license for hunting or recreational fishing
17 in Louisiana after payment of the same fee as that required of Louisiana residents for
18 that same license. Any license purchased under the provisions of this Subsection
19 shall be valid only during that time when the person is on active duty in the armed
20 forces of the United States. In addition, the provisions of this Subsection shall not
21 apply to the purchase of lifetime licenses. The military identification card or
22 dependent card and the appropriate license must be on the licensee's person at all
23 times when he is engaged in hunting or fishing activities.

24 (2) (R.S. 56:104(A) and 302.1(H)) A nonresident full-time student who is
25 enrolled in a Louisiana public or private high school or an accredited college or
26 university that has a physical campus in the state of Louisiana may purchase a
27 resident license. The applicant shall show a valid identification card issued by the
28 high school, college, or university indicating current full-time status and, when

1 engaged in the activity authorized by the license, must have both the license and the
2 school identification card on his person.

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

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

7 (2) A resident who reaches age sixty between June 1, 2000, and May 31,
8 2019, may obtain an annual Senior Hunting and Fishing license for the cost of five
9 dollars.

10 (3) A resident who reaches age sixty-five on or after June 1, 2024, may
11 obtain an annual license at one-half the cost of an annual resident license.

12 (4) (R.S. 56:643(C)) Upon application to the department and showing
13 identification and proof of military service satisfactory to the department, any person
14 who is a retired member of the United States Armed Forces, the Louisiana Army
15 National Guard, or the Louisiana Air National Guard and was either born in
16 Louisiana or is a bona fide resident of Louisiana, may obtain an annual license at
17 one-half the cost of an annual resident license. ~~shall be issued a retired military~~
18 ~~hunting and fishing license. A fee of five dollars shall be charged for this license, and~~
19 ~~the license shall be available from June first of each calendar year and shall be valid~~
20 ~~from the date of purchase through the following June thirtieth. This license shall be~~
21 ~~in lieu of basic hunting, big game, bow, primitive firearms, and waterfowl licenses,~~
22 ~~turkey hunting stamps, WMA hunting permits, and the basic and saltwater fishing~~
23 ~~licenses and must be in the possession of the licensee when the licensee is engaged~~
24 ~~in hunting or fishing activities. Possession of this license shall also authorize the~~
25 ~~license holder to use a crossbow or a bow that is drawn, held, and released by~~
26 ~~mechanical means. Magnified scopes may be used with crossbows.~~

27 (R.S. 56:104(B)(2) and 302.2(B)) H. The following recreational fishermen,
28 ~~upon~~ Upon identification and proof of disability satisfactory to the department, the
29 following people shall be issued a basic recreational fishing license and saltwater

1 ~~license without payment of any fees~~ may be issued a Disabled/Special Needs
2 Hunting and Fishing license:

3 (1) A resident who is a veteran of the armed forces, the Louisiana Army
4 National Guard, or the Louisiana Air National Guard, having a permanent service
5 connected disability classification of fifty percent or more.

6 (2) A resident who is blind, paraplegic, or is a single or multiple amputee,
7 or is required to use one or more artificial limbs or permanent braces for mobility as
8 a result of a permanent and total disability.

9 ~~(R.S. 56:104(A)(8))~~ (3) A resident who is totally and permanently disabled
10 and receiving a disability benefit from the federal social security system or a
11 disability retirement income from a retirement system whose members are exempt
12 from federal social security, either pursuant to the Railroad Retirement Insurance
13 Act, 45 U.S.C. §231, or because they are employees of a state or a political
14 subdivision of the state that has not voluntarily agreed to participate in federal social
15 security under 42 U.S.C. § 418. ~~, may letter from the federal social security~~
16 ~~administration or retirement system granting disability benefits shall be required at~~
17 ~~time of purchase, along with proper identification, purchase a basic hunting license~~
18 ~~which will also include a WMA hunting permit for a fee of five in order to hunt,~~
19 ~~take, possess, or transport, wild birds and quadrupeds on which open seasons are~~
20 ~~declared In addition to the basic hunting license fee, any such person may also~~
21 ~~purchase a resident big game hunting license for a fee of five dollars, a resident bow~~
22 ~~hunting license for a fee of five dollars, or a special primitive firearms license for a~~
23 ~~fee of five dollars.~~

24 ~~(R.S. 56:104(B) and 302.2(D))~~ (4) Any resident of Louisiana who is the
25 surviving spouse of a member of the United States Armed Forces, the Louisiana
26 Army National Guard, or the Louisiana Air National Guard who was killed in action
27 while in a combat zone, upon showing identification and documentation satisfactory
28 to the department. ~~, shall be issued recreational and saltwater fishing licenses for a~~
29 ~~total fee of two dollars and fifty cents.~~

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1 ~~(R.S. 56:103(F), 105 and 302.5)~~ I. Any nonpublic authorized issuing agent
2 that issues any license under the provisions of this ~~Section~~ Subpart may retain an
3 amount not to exceed fifty cents of the fee collected from the sale of each resident
4 and active duty military license issued and an amount not to exceed one dollar from
5 the sale of each nonresident license issued. The amount to be retained shall be
6 promulgated by the commission and the amount set by the commission shall be
7 subject to the provisions of R.S. 56:94(B).

8 M.(1) The secretary may exempt for good cause persons or groups of people
9 from the license fee requirements of this Part. Such exemption shall be in the form
10 of a letter of permit from the secretary. The commission is authorized to promulgate
11 rules and regulations that establish the criteria for such exemptions and that
12 otherwise implement the provisions of this Subsection.

13 ~~(R.S. 56:105(A))~~ (2) The ~~department~~ secretary may, in its his discretion and
14 upon such terms and conditions as it he may prescribe, issue to accredited
15 representatives of any public park, museum, educational or scientific institution, or
16 of the federal government or any state government, recognized scientist,
17 representative of the entertainment industry or to any other responsible person a
18 permit to take, possess, and transport at any time within and from this state wild
19 birds or the plumage, skins, nests, eggs, or young thereof and wild quadrupeds, the
20 skins or young thereof; if the ~~department~~ secretary is satisfied that they are to be
21 taken or possessed for scientific, educational, experimental, entertainment industry,
22 or breeding purposes only and are not to be sold or otherwise disposed of by the
23 permittee for profit, and if the permittee obligates himself to deliver to the
24 ~~department~~ secretary within sixty days after taking, and in any event before the
25 removal thereof from the state, a detailed descriptive inventory of the wild birds,
26 wild quadrupeds, and other things taken under the permit.

27 §69.42. Recreational fishing licenses; fees

28 A. Fishing licenses

- 1 (1) Resident licenses including residents, active and native-born retired
2 members of the United States armed forces, including National Guard, non-resident
3 students
- 4 (a) Hook and line license \$ 5.00/year,
5 or the minimum amount necessary to certify
6 that a person is a fisherman under the
7 provisions of 50 CFR 80.10.
- 8 (b) Basic fishing license (includes all fresh
9 water gear) \$13.50/year
- 10 (c) Saltwater fishing license (includes shrimp
11 trawl and oyster tongs) \$13.00/year
- 12 (d) Charter five-day fishing license \$ 22.50
- 13 (e) Crab fishing license (includes any crab gear) \$ 5.00/year
- 14 (2) Non-resident licenses
- 15 (a) Basic fishing license (includes all
16 freshwater gear) \$54.00/year
- 17 (b) Saltwater fishing license (includes shrimp
18 trawl and oyster tongs) \$52.00/year
- 19 (c) Five-day Basic fishing (includes all
20 freshwater gear) \$18.00
- 21 (d) Five-day Saltwater Fishing (includes
22 shrimp trawl and oyster tongs) \$17.00
- 23 (e) Crab fishing license (includes any crab
24 gear) \$20.00/year
- 25 (f) Five-day Crab Fishing (includes any
26 crab gear) \$ 7.00
- 27 (g) Charter boat five-day fishing license \$22.50
- 28 (3) Senior and Retired Military licenses for Louisiana residents only
- 29 (a) Basic fishing license (includes all fresh

- 1 water gear) \$ 6.75/year
- 2 (b) Saltwater fishing license (includes shrimp
- 3 trawl and oyster tongs) \$ 6.50/year
- 4 (c) Crab fishing license (includes any crab gear)\$ 2.50/year
- 5 §69.43. Recreational hunting licenses; fees
- 6 (1) Resident licenses including Louisiana residents, active and reserve
- 7 members of the United States armed forces including National Guard, non-resident
- 8 students
- 9 (a) Basic hunting license \$20.00/year
- 10 (b) Deer hunting license (includes archery
- 11 and primitive privileges) \$20.00/year
- 12 (c) Waterfowl license \$10.00/year
- 13 (d) Turkey license (includes tags) \$ 20.00/year
- 14 (e) Youth hunting license (required for
- 15 deer and turkey tags and lottery hunts) \$ 5.00/year,
- 16 or the minimum amount necessary to
- 17 certify that a person is a fisherman under
- 18 the provisions of 50 CFR 80.10.
- 19 (2) Non-resident licenses
- 20 (a) Basic hunting license \$200.00/year
- 21 (b) Deer hunting license (includes archery
- 22 and primitive privileges) \$100.00/year
- 23 (c) Waterfowl Hunting license \$100.00/year
- 24 (d) Turkey Hunting license (includes tags) \$100.00/year
- 25 (e) Five-day Basic Hunting license \$ 67.00
- 26 (f) Five-Day Deer Hunting license \$ 33.00
- 27 (g) Five-Day Waterfowl Hunting license \$ 33.00
- 28 (h) Five-Day Turkey Hunting license \$ 33.00
- 29 (3) Senior and Retired Military licenses for Louisiana residents only

1 §6947. Violations

2 Except as otherwise provided in this Title, hunting, fishing, or accessing
3 WMAs without the license required by this SubPart shall constitute a Class II
4 violation punishable under the provisions of R.S. 56:32.

5 SUB-PART B. REVENUE DEDICATIONS6 §69.48. Dedication of license revenue

7 A.(1) Except as otherwise provided, funds received from the sale of licenses
8 issued under the provisions of this Part shall be deposited to the Conservation Fund.

9 (2) All funds received from the sale of lifetime licenses shall be deposited
10 as provided in R.S. 56:10.2.

11 (3) An amount equal to seven dollars and fifty cents for each Charter Boat
12 fishing license sold shall be deposited to the Charter Boat Fishing Account.

13 (4) An amount equal to the fees collected pursuant to R.S. 56:92(1)(c) shall
14 be deposited each year to the Saltwater Fish Research and Conservation Fund.

15 (5) An amount equal to seven dollars and fifty cents from the sale of each
16 waterfowl hunting license, except Senior and Retired Military license sales, shall be
17 deposited to the Louisiana Duck License, Stamp, and Print fund and shall be
18 expended solely for the programs and purposes associated with the Louisiana Duck
19 License, Stamp, and Print Program.

20 (6) An amount equal to twenty-five percent of the funds derived from the sale
21 of basic hunting licenses other than lifetime licenses and all of the revenues from the
22 sale of WMA access permits shall be deposited into the Wildlife Habitat and Natural
23 Heritage Trust as provided for in R.S. 56:1923 and shall be expended solely for land
24 acquisition for wildlife management areas and operations of wildlife management
25 areas,

26 (7) An amount equal to seven dollars and fifty cents from the sale of each
27 turkey hunting license shall be deposited to the Wild Turkey Fund,

1 that purpose issued to him by authority of the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries
2 Commission.

3 ~~B. Basic hunting licenses which do not authorize deer, turkey, bobcat, or~~
4 ~~migratory waterfowl hunting may be issued beginning June first of each calendar~~
5 ~~year and shall expire on the following June thirtieth.~~

6 ~~C.(1) B.~~ B. In order to hunt, take, possess, or transport deer, or turkey, ~~or bobcat,~~
7 in Louisiana, in addition to a basic hunting license, a person shall be required to
8 purchase and have on his person a ~~big game~~ either a deer license or a turkey license,
9 whichever is the appropriate license. In order to hunt, take, possess, or transport
10 waterfowl in Louisiana, in addition to a basic hunting license, a resident shall be
11 required to purchase and have on his person a ~~duck~~ waterfowl license. ~~The fee for~~
12 ~~an annual resident duck license shall be five dollars and fifty cents. In order to hunt,~~
13 ~~take, possess, or transport turkey in Louisiana, in addition to a big game hunting~~
14 ~~license, a resident shall be required to purchase and have on his person a wild turkey~~
15 ~~license. The fee for an annual resident wild turkey license shall be five dollars and~~
16 ~~fifty cents.~~

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18 §109. Wildlife management areas; wildlife refuges; public hunting grounds and
19 recreation areas; notice; signs; hunters with disabilities

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21 ~~D.(1) On and after July 1, 1993, a Wild Louisiana Stamp, hunting license, or~~
22 ~~fishing license~~ A WMA access permit shall be required for use of department
23 administered lands including wildlife refuges and wildlife management and habitat
24 conservation areas. Persons under sixteen years of age ~~and sixty years of age or older~~
25 are exempt from this requirement. Persons attending official functions of private,
26 non-profit and charitable organizations recognized as tax exempt under the
27 provisions of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code shall be exempt from this requirement.
28 In addition, traversing through department-administered lands shall not require a
29 license or permit.

1 (2) Persons using department administered lands for commercial purposes for
2 which the department is paid a royalty or special fee, agents of the state on official
3 business, and persons or groups using department administered lands for purposes
4 other than fishing or hunting who receive, for good cause, a letter of permit from the
5 secretary specifically waiving the permit requirement ~~Wild Louisiana Stamp~~, shall
6 be exempt.

7 (3) ~~For an initial violation of failing to possess a Wild Louisiana Stamp,~~
8 ~~fishing license, or hunting license while on department administered lands, as~~
9 ~~required by this Subsection, the violator shall immediately obtain a required stamp~~
10 ~~or license or be required to leave the department administered lands. In such instance~~
11 ~~of an initial violation, the violator shall be given directions to the nearest place where~~
12 ~~such stamp or license may be purchased. After the initial violation, any subsequent~~
13 ~~offenses shall be class one violations as designated in R.S. 56:31. This Paragraph~~
14 ~~shall not apply to violations of hunting or fishing without a license.~~

15 (4) The department shall prominently post and maintain at each entrance to
16 those lands subject to this Subsection a sign stating that all visitors, except those
17 exempt by law, must possess a ~~Wild Louisiana Stamp, a hunting license, a fishing~~
18 ~~license, or a WMA hunting permit~~ WMA access permit, a Sportsman's Paradise
19 license, a lifetime hunting or fishing license, or a license that confers equivalent
20 privileges while on those lands.

21 (5)(a) ~~In addition to other fees and licenses required by law, any person~~
22 ~~between the ages of eighteen and sixty, both inclusive, who hunts on any land~~
23 ~~administered by the department, including wildlife refuges and wildlife management~~
24 ~~and habitat conservation areas, shall purchase and have in his possession a WMA~~
25 ~~hunting permit. Traversing through department-administered lands shall not require~~
26 ~~a permit. The fee for a WMA hunting permit shall be fifteen dollars each year. The~~
27 ~~permit shall be available for purchase beginning June first of each year and will be~~
28 ~~valid from the date of purchase through the following June thirtieth. The permittee~~
29 ~~shall have the permit in his possession whenever engaged in hunting on lands~~

1 administered by the department. Funds collected from the WMA hunting permit shall
2 be used for the maintenance and upkeep of wildlife management areas. The secretary
3 may exempt for good cause persons or groups of people from the requirements of
4 this Paragraph. Such exemption shall be in the form of a letter of permit from the
5 secretary. The commission is authorized to promulgate rules and regulations which
6 establish the criteria for such exemptions and which otherwise implement this
7 exemption.

8 (b) A resident between the ages of eighteen and sixty, both inclusive, who
9 meets the requirements of R.S. 56:104(A)(8) or (B)(2) shall be exempt from payment
10 of the permit fee required by this Paragraph.

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12 §116. Wild birds and wild quadrupeds; special hunting seasons

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14 C.(1) The commission may establish a special deer season for primitive
15 firearms. The taking of deer in such season shall be limited to persons who are
16 licensed in accordance with the provisions of R.S. 56:103(C)(2) R.S. 56:92. The
17 commission shall adopt and promulgate rules and regulations governing such season,
18 including the type and size of weapons used, licenses required, sex of deer to be
19 hunted, and the areas included in the season. In addition to any other weapon
20 restriction the commission may adopt, such rules and regulations shall provide that
21 breech loading rifles with a caliber of .35 or larger may be used during primitive
22 firearms season. The taking of deer during this season shall be limited to still hunting
23 and may be allowed in all or some areas of the state where deer hunting is now or
24 shall in the future be allowed.

25 * * *

26 D.(1) The commission shall establish a special open deer hunting season for
27 youth under eighteen years of age. The taking of deer in such a season shall be
28 limited to a weekend prior to the opening weekend of the regular gun season in all
29 of the applicable zones. ~~Both~~ Properly licensed resident and nonresident youths may

1 participate in this special season. Any youth participating in the special youth
2 hunting season shall be accompanied by one adult eighteen years of age or older, but
3 only the youth may participate in the actual hunting. If the accompanying adult is in
4 possession of a valid ~~hunting license, or a~~ hunter safety certificate, or proof of
5 successful completion of a hunter safety course approved by the department, a youth
6 under sixteen years of age shall not be required to have ~~any of~~ these items. However,
7 if the accompanying adult is not in possession of ~~any of~~ these items, the youth shall
8 be required to have in his possession either a hunter safety certificate or proof of
9 successful completion of a hunter safety course approved by the department. A youth
10 who is under the age of sixteen shall have in his possession a youth hunting license
11 and a youth who is sixteen or seventeen shall have in his possession a basic hunting
12 license and a ~~big game~~ deer license or a Sportsman's Paradise license as required by
13 law. The accompanying adult shall maintain visual and voice contact with the youth
14 at all times.

15 (2) ~~The commission shall establish for 2014 a special open deer hunting~~
16 ~~season on private property for Louisiana residents who are honorably discharged~~
17 ~~veterans of the United States Armed Forces.~~ The commission may thereafter
18 establish a special open deer hunting season for Louisiana residents who are
19 honorably discharged veterans of the United States Armed Forces. The taking of deer
20 in such a season shall be limited to a weekend prior to the opening weekend of the
21 regular gun season in all of the applicable zones and shall run concurrently with the
22 open deer hunting season for youth provided for in Paragraph (1) of this Subsection.
23 In order to qualify for the veterans special season, a veteran shall hold and be in
24 possession of either a basic hunting license and a ~~big game~~ deer license , or a
25 Sportsman's Paradise license and shall be able to provide proof satisfactory to the
26 department of such honorable discharge. The special open deer hunting season
27 authorized pursuant to this Paragraph shall be applicable to hunting on private
28 property only and shall not be applicable to any state-owned or federally-owned or
29 managed property.

1 §116.1. Wild birds and wild quadrupeds; times and methods of taking; penalties

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3 C.

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5 (3) There shall be no recreational bag limit on raccoon or opossum hunting
6 during the open trapping season; however, the commission shall establish a
7 recreational bag limit for such hunting during that period of the year when the
8 trapping season is closed. No one shall ~~pelt or~~ sell the skins or carcasses of raccoons
9 and opossums taken during the open trapping season unless he is the holder of a
10 valid commercial trapper's license, ~~which shall be required in addition to his basic~~
11 ~~hunting~~. However, carcasses of raccoons and opossums taken by the folder of a
12 commercial trapper's license on the last day of trapping season may be pelted or sold
13 on the day immediately following the close of the season.

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15 SUBPART A-1. LOUISIANA DUCK ~~LICENSE~~, STAMP;
16 AND PRINT PROGRAM

17 §151. Purpose

18 The hunting of migratory waterfowl has long been a source of recreation and
19 tourism in Louisiana. In order to protect and preserve this most valuable asset, the
20 Louisiana Duck ~~License~~, Stamp, and Print Program is created as a means of funding
21 approved projects through sale of a migratory waterfowl license, ~~hereinafter known~~
22 ~~as the "duck license"~~, and sale of duck stamps and prints.

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24 §302. Recreational fishing ~~license~~; recreational gear

25 A. A recreational fisherman must purchase and possess the appropriate
26 required license as defined in R.S. 56:92. ~~basic recreational fishing license~~ in order
27 to use the following gear or to possess ~~fish~~ on the fishing grounds fish which have
28 been caught for recreational purposes:

29 (1) Hook and line

- 1 (2) Bow and arrow
- 2 (3) A barbless spear, or a multi-pronged barbed gig
- 3 (4) Castnets with a radius not to exceed eight feet six inches
- 4 (5) Frog gigs or catchers
- 5 (6) Scuba gear
- 6 (7) Crawfish nets.
- 7 (8) Dip nets.
- 8 (9) Landing nets.
- 9 (10) Minnow traps.
- 10 (11) Crab nets.
- 11 (11) Crab lines.
- 12 (12) Crab Traps: for use of no more than ten crab traps.
- 13 (13) Hoop nets: for use of no more than five hoop nets.
- 14 (14) Oyster tongs: for use of no more than one tong.
- 15 (15) Slat trap: for use of no more than five slat traps.
- 16 (16) Trawls: for use of no more than one trawl less than twenty-five feet in
- 17 length.
- 18 (17) Wire nets: for use of no more than five wire nets.
- 19 (18) Crawfish traps: for use of no more than thirty-five traps.
- 20 B. ~~In addition to a basic recreational fishing license, a recreational fisherman~~
- 21 ~~over the age of sixteen years using any gear listed in R.S. 56:302.3 must purchase a~~
- 22 ~~recreational gear license as provided therein. Anyone under the age of sixteen years~~
- 23 ~~shall not be required to purchase or possess a gear license. However, any person~~
- 24 ~~using crawfish nets, dip nets, landing nets, minnow traps, crab nets, or crab lines for~~
- 25 ~~the purpose of taking fish for recreational purposes shall not be required to purchase~~
- 26 ~~or possess a basic recreational fishing license or be required to purchase a gear~~
- 27 ~~license.~~
- 28 C. A fisherman taking fish for sale, using any legal gear listed in R.S. 56:305,
- 29 or legally taking fish in excess of any limitation as to size, length, or quantity for

1 recreational fishermen must purchase a commercial fisherman's license, commercial
2 gear license, and vessel license if applicable. This includes recreational fishermen
3 taking fish using any gear listed in R.S. 56:305 ~~for which a recreational gear license~~
4 ~~cannot be obtained pursuant to R.S. 56:302.3~~ and fishermen taking fish for sale using
5 any legal gear.

6 ~~(R.S. 56:302.3(D))~~ C. No recreational fisherman shall use gill nets, trammel
7 nets, strike nets, or seines, except bait seines in compliance with R.S. 56:323.

8 §302.1. ~~Annual license; temporary license; fees; saltwater fee; exemptions~~ Saltwater
9 fishing; charter fishing

10 A. ~~The cost of the annual basic recreational fishing license is nine dollars~~
11 ~~and fifty cents for residents and sixty dollars for nonresidents, except that residents~~
12 ~~using a rod or fishing pole, hook and line, without a reel and without using artificial~~
13 ~~bait shall pay two dollars and fifty cents per year; however, any person required by~~
14 ~~this Part to possess a basic two dollars and fifty cents license shall be subject to a~~
15 ~~maximum fine of five dollars for not possessing the license as herein required, and~~
16 ~~there shall be no court costs associated with the fine.~~

17 B.(1) ~~In lieu of the basic recreational fishing license, nonresidents may~~
18 ~~purchase a temporary basic recreational freshwater fishing license for a fee of five~~
19 ~~dollars per day.~~

20 (2) ~~The revenues generated from the license fee imposed under this~~
21 ~~Subsection shall be deposited in the Wildlife and Fisheries Conservation Fund and~~
22 ~~shall be dedicated exclusively to the operation of the enforcement division.~~

23 C.(1)(a) ~~In addition to the annual basic recreational fishing license, any~~ Any
24 ~~person fishing in the saltwater areas of the state defined in R.S. 56:322 must~~
25 ~~purchase and possess both a basic fishing license and a saltwater license or an~~
26 ~~equivalent license that grants both basic fishing and saltwater fishing privileges.~~ The
27 ~~fee for the annual saltwater license is thirteen dollars and for residents and thirty~~
28 ~~dollars for nonresidents.~~

1 B. As a condition of the application for and the granting of the saltwater
2 license, all saltwater finfish caught or transported by the license holder while the
3 license is in effect are presumed to have been taken in the waters of Louisiana.

4 ~~(b) In lieu of purchase of an annual basic recreational fishing license and an~~
5 ~~annual saltwater license, a nonresident may purchase a temporary saltwater license~~
6 ~~valid for the number of days specified by the purchaser at a fee of seventeen dollars~~
7 ~~and fifty cents per day. Such license shall enable the nonresident to fish in the~~
8 ~~saltwater areas of the state for the period of time indicated on the license.~~

9 ~~(c) Between June 1, 2014, and May 31, 2018, in addition to the fee required~~
10 ~~by Subparagraph (a) of this Paragraph for purchase of a saltwater fishing license,~~
11 ~~there shall be an additional fee of seven dollars and fifty cents to be paid for each~~
12 ~~license purchased by a resident that shall be credited to the Saltwater Fish Research~~
13 ~~and Conservation Fund, R.S. 56:10(B)(1)(g).~~

14 ~~(2)(a) Repealed by Acts 2009, No. 22, §2, eff. June 12, 2009.~~

15 ~~(b) D. A person fishing with a licensed charter guide on board the vessel may~~
16 ~~purchase a charter passenger fishing trip license at a fee of five dollars. Such license~~
17 ~~shall be valid for three consecutive days Charter 5-Day Fishing license in lieu of a~~
18 ~~basic fishing license and a saltwater fishing license.~~

19 ~~(c) In addition to the fee contained in Subparagraph (b) of this Paragraph, a~~
20 ~~person fishing with a licensed charter guide on board the vessel shall pay a five~~
21 ~~dollar fee which shall be deposited into the Conservation Fund as provided in R.S.~~
22 ~~56:10(B)(1)(f), and which shall be used by the department for promotion of the~~
23 ~~charter boat industry, protection of the fishery, and to provide for administrative~~
24 ~~costs of the fund. Such fees are to be expended for such purposes through the~~
25 ~~Louisiana Charter Boat Association.~~

26 ~~(d)(i) A resident who is totally and permanently disabled and receiving a~~
27 ~~disability benefit from the federal social security system or a disability retirement~~
28 ~~income from a retirement system whose members are exempt from federal social~~
29 ~~security, either pursuant to the Railroad Retirement Insurance Act, 45 U.S.C. §231,~~

1 ~~or because they are employees of a state or a political subdivision of the state that~~
2 ~~has not voluntarily agreed to participate in federal social security under 42 U.S.C.~~
3 ~~§418, may purchase a basic recreational fishing license for a fee of two dollars and~~
4 ~~fifty cents and a saltwater license for a fee of two dollars and fifty cents.~~

5 ~~(ii) A letter from the federal social security administration or retirement~~
6 ~~system granting disability benefits shall be required at time of purchase, along with~~
7 ~~proper identification. Such letter shall be evidence of qualification for the reduced~~
8 ~~fee provided for in this Subparagraph.~~

9 ~~(3) The saltwater license is not required for residents possessing a two~~
10 ~~dollars and fifty cents basic recreational fishing license and using only a rod or~~
11 ~~fishing pole, hook and line, without a reel and without using artificial bait.~~

12 ~~(4) The saltwater license must be purchased and the fee paid irrespective of~~
13 ~~any agreement or provision of law not specifically waiving the license or fee. The~~
14 ~~required saltwater angling license shall not preclude a person from fishing for~~
15 ~~freshwater species of fish south of the designated saltwater line described in R.S.~~
16 ~~56:322(A) or in saltwater lakes and bodies of water designated in R.S. 56:322(B). A~~
17 ~~person may take or possess in such designated saltwater areas, without a saltwater~~
18 ~~angling license, any freshwater species of fish in any number not otherwise~~
19 ~~prohibited by law, provided the person possesses a valid fishing license as otherwise~~
20 ~~required by law. For the purpose of enforcement, the department shall determine by~~
21 ~~rule which species of fish shall be classified as a freshwater species and which shall~~
22 ~~be classified as a saltwater species. Any person, without a valid saltwater angling~~
23 ~~license, that takes a saltwater species of fish as classified by the department from a~~
24 ~~designated saltwater area shall return such fish immediately to the waters from which~~
25 ~~taken without avoidable injury. An enforcement agent or officer of the department~~
26 ~~may inspect a fisherman's catch to insure compliance with this Paragraph.~~

27 D. A person may take or possess a freshwater species of fish while in the
28 saltwater areas designated by R.S. 56:322(B) without the necessity of a saltwater
29 license. The commission shall promulgate by rule the species of fish classified as

1 freshwater species. While in saltwater areas, a person possessing fish other than
 2 those designated as freshwater species shall be required to possess either a saltwater
 3 fishing license or an equivalent license that grants both basic and saltwater fishing
 4 privileges. Any species of fish that is required to be returned to the water shall be
 5 returned immediately to the water without avoidable injury from which it was taken.
 6 An enforcement agent or officer of the department may inspect a fisherman's catch
 7 to insure compliance with this Paragraph.

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9 §302.9. Charter boat fishing guide license; nonresident fee

10 A.(1) No person shall act as nor shall he represent himself to be a saltwater
 11 charter boat fishing guide unless that person has in his name a valid state charter boat
 12 fishing guide license, a valid captain's license issued by the United States Coast
 13 Guard, proof of liability insurance, and a valid state ~~recreational fishing license~~ basic
 14 fishing license and saltwater fishing license or an equivalent license that grants both
 15 basic fishing and saltwater fishing privileges . ~~, or in lieu of a state recreational~~
 16 ~~fishing license, the person was born prior to June 1, 1940, or has a valid senior~~
 17 ~~hunting and fishing license issued pursuant to R.S. 56:302.1(G).~~ In addition, any
 18 person acting as a saltwater charter boat fishing guide who is in charge of the
 19 operation of a vessel shall have his required licenses and proof of liability insurance
 20 on his person while on the water. It shall not be a violation of this Section for a
 21 person to represent himself as a charter boat fishing guide if that person held a valid
 22 license during the previous thirty days but has not renewed the license.

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24 §302.9.1. Charter boat license; skiff fee; charter fishing trip license

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26 E. Any person fishing in or with a licensed charter skiff shall have in his
 27 possession a copy of the charter boat license, a copy of the charter skiff license, ~~and~~
 28 his charter fishing trip license, or an equivalent license that grants both basic and
 29 saltwater fishing privileges.

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2 §302.10. Sale of recreational catch

3 A. No person shall sell or barter any fish that has been taken recreationally
4 or under the authority of any type of recreational fishing license or with any
5 recreational gear.

6 B. A violation of this Section shall constitute a class four violation. In
7 addition to the penalties provided in R.S. 56:34, any person convicted of a violation
8 of this Section shall be further penalized as follows:

9 (1) For the first violation, a person shall forfeit his fishing license privilege,
10 and ~~he shall not be issued a recreational license of any type and shall be barred from~~
11 participating in any type of recreational fishing for a period of one year from the date
12 of conviction.

13 (2) For the second violation, a person shall forfeit his fishing privileges
14 license, and ~~he shall not be issued a recreational license of any type and shall be~~
15 barred from participating in any type of recreational fishing for a period of two years
16 from the date of conviction.

17 (3) For the third violation, a person shall forfeit his fishing privileges license,
18 and he shall ~~never be issued a recreational license of any type and shall be forever~~
19 barred from participating in any type of recreational fishing.

20 C. Any person who, after being barred, participates in a recreational fishing
21 activity ~~or obtains any recreational fishing license~~ during a time of revocation shall
22 be penalized under the provisions of R.S. 56:37(A)(2), upon conviction.

23 * * *

24 §325.1. Size and possession limits, recreational saltwater finfish; penalties

25 A.(1) The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission may set by rule, in accordance
26 with the Administrative Procedure Act, daily take, and possession, and size
27 limits for saltwater finfish caught recreationally in Louisiana territorial
28 waters, based on biological and technical data. Aquaculturally raised fish, as

1 shall be prohibited within Louisiana waters west of Mermentau River. The Louisiana
 2 Wildlife and Fisheries Commission shall establish an open season for the
 3 commercial harvest of spotted sea trout which shall run from the second day of
 4 January each year until the maximum annual quota is reached. The commercial
 5 harvest or taking of spotted sea trout is prohibited during the period from sunset on
 6 Friday through sunrise on Monday, and there shall be no possession of spotted sea
 7 trout in excess of the recreational limit during the period between 10:00 p.m. and
 8 5:00 a.m. However, when not on a commercial fishing trip, a person holding a permit
 9 for the commercial taking or possessing of spotted sea trout may take or possess an
 10 amount not to exceed the legal recreational limit of spotted sea trout between the
 11 hours of 10:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m. during the open season and at any time during the
 12 closed season if that person also possesses a basic recreational fishing license and a
 13 saltwater fishing license or an equivalent license that grants both basic fishing and
 14 saltwater fishing privileges. Only a rod and reel shall be used for the commercial
 15 harvest of spotted sea trout. The provisions of this Section are subject to quotas and
 16 size limits as established by law and rules and regulations of the commission. Fish
 17 taken under recreational licenses shall not be sold, bartered, traded, or exchanged.

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19 §330. Crawfish harvesters; crawfish traps

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21 B. Crawfish may be taken ~~commercially~~ by properly licenses individuals
 22 with approved crawfish traps. The openings of the flues or throats on crawfish traps
 23 shall not exceed two inches.

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25 §500. Recreational possession limit; gear

26 A.~~(1)~~ A recreational fisherman may, in open waters in open season, with a
 27 valid ~~recreational gear license for a trawl issued as provided for in R.S.~~
 28 ~~56:302.3(B)(5)(a)~~, basic fishing license and a saltwater fishing license or an
 29 equivalent license that grants both basic fishing and saltwater fishing privileges may

1 use a trawl not to exceed ~~sixteen~~ twenty-five feet and may take no more than an
2 aggregate of ~~one~~ two hundred fifty pounds of shrimp per day to each boat,
3 regardless of the number of persons thereon, provided the shrimp taken are used for
4 bait or for the fisherman's own consumption and are not sold, traded, or otherwise
5 permitted to enter into commerce.

6 (2) ~~A recreational fisherman may, in open waters in open season, with a valid~~
7 ~~recreational gear license for a trawl issued as provided for in R.S. 56:302.3(B)(5)(b),~~
8 ~~use a trawl not to exceed twenty-five feet and may take no more than an aggregate~~
9 ~~of two hundred fifty pounds of shrimp per day to each boat, regardless of the number~~
10 ~~of persons thereon, provided the shrimp taken are used for bait or for the fisherman's~~
11 ~~own consumption and are not sold, traded, or otherwise permitted to enter into~~
12 ~~commerce.~~

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14 §641. ~~Hunting, fishing licenses; Wild Louisiana Stamp; multi-year issuance; fees~~
15 ~~§641.1. Exclusive licensing authority; rules and regulations~~

16 ~~A. The Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, through its secretary, may, in~~
17 ~~addition to the issuance of annual individual hunting and fishing licenses and in~~
18 ~~order to facilitate the distribution of sport hunting and fishing licenses as provided~~
19 ~~in this Chapter, provide for the issuance of hunting or fishing licenses, or the Wild~~
20 ~~Louisiana Stamp, on a three year basis, exclusive of any other special licenses~~
21 ~~otherwise authorized by law. The license may be issued on an individual license~~
22 ~~basis or any license combination presently allowed by law. The fee for such~~
23 ~~multi-year hunting or fishing licenses, or the Wild Louisiana Stamp, issued shall be~~
24 ~~the same as the sum of the individual hunting or fishing license, or the Wild~~
25 ~~Louisiana Stamp, or the sum of any combination hunting or fishing license as now~~
26 ~~or hereafter provided by law. The department shall provide for computerized mail~~
27 ~~renewal of all licenses or stamps issued under the provisions of this Section. The~~
28 ~~secretary shall promulgate rules and regulations to effectuate the provisions of this~~
29 ~~Section.~~

1 bow hunting, the Louisiana duck license, the WMA hunting permit, and the wild
2 turkey license. After June 1, 2019, the license shall be in lieu of basic hunting, deer,
3 waterfowl, and turkey hunting licenses and shall permit WMA access.

4 ~~B. The fee for the lifetime hunting license shall be three hundred dollars.~~
5 ~~The fee for persons thirteen years of age or under shall be two hundred dollars.~~

6 §649.2. Lifetime sports fishing license

7 ~~Any~~ Prior to June 1, 2019, any bona fide resident of this state may obtain a
8 lifetime sports fishing license. The lifetime sports fishing license shall be in lieu of
9 the following recreational and sports fishing licenses: basic recreational fishing and
10 saltwater recreational fishing. ~~The fee for the lifetime sports fishing license shall be~~
11 ~~three hundred dollars. The fee for persons thirteen years of age or under shall be two~~
12 ~~hundred dollars.~~ After June 1, 2019, the license shall be in lieu of a basic fishing,
13 saltwater, crab, and recreational fishing gear licenses and shall permit WMA access
14 for purposes other than hunting.

15 §649.3. Combination lifetime hunting and sports fishing license

16 A. ~~Any~~ Prior to June 1, 2019, any bona fide resident of this state may obtain
17 a combination lifetime hunting and sports fishing license, which shall entitle the
18 licensee to all of the privileges of both the lifetime hunting and lifetime sports
19 fishing licenses provided for in R.S. 56:649.1 and 649.2. ~~The fee for the~~
20 ~~combination lifetime license shall be five hundred dollars. The fee for persons~~
21 ~~thirteen years of age or under shall be three hundred dollars. The fee for a resident~~
22 ~~who is sixty years of age or older shall be fifty dollars.~~ After June 1, 2019, the
23 license shall be in lieu of basic hunting, deer, waterfowl, and turkey hunting licenses,
24 basic, saltwater, crab, and recreational fishing gear licenses, and shall permit WMA
25 access.

26 B. ~~A~~ For any license purchased prior to June 1, 2019, a combination lifetime
27 hunting and sports fishing license holder shall be entitled to the individual gear
28 license privileges under the recreational gear license as provided in R.S. 56:302.3.
29 ~~However, an additional fee shall be levied for lifetime privileges for each~~

1 recreational fishing gear license in an amount that is equal to ten times the cost of an
2 annual license issued under the provisions of R.S. 56:302.3.

3 §649.4. Nonresident combination lifetime hunting and fishing license

4 ~~A. Any~~ Prior to June 1, 2019, any nonresident may obtain a combination
5 lifetime hunting and fishing license which shall entitle the licensee to all of the
6 privileges of both the lifetime hunting and lifetime sports fishing licenses provided
7 for in R.S. 56:649.1 and 649.2. ~~The fee for the nonresident combination lifetime~~
8 ~~license shall be three thousand dollars.~~

9 ~~B.(1) Any nonresident veteran of the armed forces of the United States or a~~
10 ~~reserve component, including the National Guard, who has a permanent~~
11 ~~service-connected disability classification of fifty percent or more, may obtain a~~
12 ~~combination lifetime hunting and fishing license which shall entitle the licensee to~~
13 ~~all of the privileges of both the lifetime hunting and lifetime sports fishing licenses~~
14 ~~provided for in R.S. 56:649.1 and 649.2. The fee for such nonresident combination~~
15 ~~lifetime license shall be three hundred dollars.~~

16 ~~(2) Such nonresident veteran must possess a valid Louisiana birth certificate,~~
17 ~~or provide satisfactory proof of having been a Louisiana resident for at least ten~~
18 ~~years.~~

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20 §649.7. Infant combination lifetime hunting and fishing license

21 ~~The~~ Until June 1, 2019, the department shall make available for persons from
22 birth to five years old who were born in Louisiana a combination lifetime hunting
23 and fishing license. Any such license purchased prior to June 1, 2019, which shall
24 entitle the licensee to all of the privileges of both lifetime hunting and lifetime sports
25 fishing licenses provided in R.S. 56:649.1 and 649.2. ~~The fee for the infant lifetime~~
26 ~~license shall be two hundred dollars.~~ After June 1, 2019, the license shall be in lieu
27 of basic hunting, deer, waterfowl, and turkey hunting licenses, basic, saltwater, crab,
28 and recreational fishing gear licenses, and shall permit WMA access.

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1 ~~(R.S. 56:104(A)(5))~~ §678. Hunting reciprocity; Mississippi

2 The holder of a hunting license issued by the state of Mississippi shall have
3 the same rights and privileges to hunt wild game birds and quadrupeds upon islands
4 in and the waters of the Mississippi River and other land resulting from accretion
5 along the Mississippi River where that river forms the boundary between the states
6 of Louisiana and Mississippi as are provided by law for the holder of a Louisiana
7 hunting license. This Paragraph shall only take effect and become operative if, as,
8 and when the state of Mississippi grants reciprocal privileges to the holders of
9 hunting and fishing or angling licenses issued by the state of Louisiana.

10 ~~(R.S. 56:165)~~ §679. Turkey hunting reciprocity

11 The department may negotiate a reciprocal agreement with any state that
12 shares a common boundary with Louisiana if the neighboring state has a similar wild
13 turkey stamp or license requirement and fee. The agreement may permit a resident
14 of the state with which the agreement is made to hunt wild turkey in this state
15 without a Louisiana wild turkey license if the person possesses a wild turkey stamp
16 or license issued by the other state.

17 Section 2. R.S. 56:103(E) and (F), 103.1, 104, 105, 155, 156, 157, 164, 165, 166,
18 302.1, 302.2, 302.3, 302.4, 302.5, 302.6, 641.1, 642, 643, 646, 647.1, 649.5, 649.6, 650,
19 650.1, 1832, 1833 are hereby repealed in their entirety.

20 Section 3. The Louisiana Law Institute is hereby directed to redesignate Part III of
21 Chapter 1 of Title 56 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950 entitled "Interstate
22 Cooperation and Scientific Research" and consisting of R.S. 56:71 through 87 as Part III-A
23 of Chapter 1 of Title 56 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950.

24 Section 4. This Act shall become effective on June 1, 2019.

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Abstract: Restructures the hunting and fishing licensing system for the Dept. of Wildlife and Fisheries.

Proposed law restructures the recreational fishing and hunting licenses as follows:

<u>Present Resident Privilege</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Proposed Resident Privilege</u>	<u>Cost</u>
<u>Res Hook and Line</u>	<u>\$2.50</u>	<u>Res Hook and Line</u>	<u>\$ 5.00</u>
Res Basic Fishing	\$ 9.50	Res Basic Fishing	\$13.50
Res Rec Wire Net (5)	\$20.00		
Res Rec Pipes/Drums (5)	\$10.00		
Res Rec Cans/Buckets (5)	\$10.00		
Resident Hoop Nets (5)	\$20.00		
Res Rec Crawfish Traps (35)	\$15.00		
Res Rec Slat Traps (5)	\$20.00		
Res Saltwater	\$13.00	Res Saltwater Fishing	\$13.00
Res Rec Trawl(to 16')	\$25.00		
Res Rec Oyster Tong	\$ 5.00		
Resident Rec Trawl(to 25')	\$80.00		
<u>Res Rec Crab Trap(10)</u>	<u>\$15.00</u>	<u>Res Crab Fishing</u>	<u>\$ 5.00</u>
R/NR Charter Passenger(3 day)	\$10.00	R/NR Charter Passenger (3 day) License	\$22.50
Res Basic Hunting	\$15.00	Res Basic Hunt	\$20.00
Res Trapper-15 & older	\$25.00		
Res Trapper-14 & Under	\$ 5.00		
Res Big Game	\$14.00	Res Deer	\$20.00
Res Bow Hunting	\$10.50		
Res Primitive Firearm	\$10.50		
<u>Res La Duck</u>	<u>\$5.50</u>	<u>Res Waterfowl</u>	<u>\$10.00</u>
Res Big Game	\$14.00	Res Wild Turkey	\$20.00
Res Wild Turkey	\$ 5.50		
<u>Res La Sportsman's Paradise</u>	<u>\$100.00</u>	<u>Res La Sportsman's Paradise</u>	<u>\$90.00</u>

<u>Present Nonresident Privilege</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Proposed NonResident Privilege</u>	<u>Cost</u>
Res Senior Hunt/Fish (60 or older)	\$5.00	Res Senior/Retired Military Hunt/Fish (65 or older) 1/2 resident fee	
WMA Hunting Permit(age 18-60)	\$15.00	WMA Access Permit (age 18-60)	\$15.00
Wild LA Stamp	\$ 9.50		
Wild LA Stamp(1 day)	\$ 2.00		
Hunt/Fish-Disabled	\$0.00	Disabled or Special Needs Hunt/Fish Combo	\$ 5.00
Fish - Disabled	\$0.00		
Hunt - Disabled	\$0.00		
LA Disabled Fishing	\$2.50		
LA Disabled Saltwater	\$2.50		
Res. Disabled Basic Hunting	\$5.00		
Res Disabled Big Game	\$5.00		
Res Disabled Bow	\$5.00		
Res Disabled Primitive Firearm	\$5.00		
Res/Native Ret. Military Hunt/Fish	\$5.00		
Res/Surv. Spouse Military KIA Fish	\$2.50		
Res/Surv. Spouse Military KIA Hunt	\$2.50		
Lifetime Resident Combo 14+	\$500.00	Lifetime Resident Combo 14+	\$1,000.00
Lifetime Resident Hunting 14+	\$300.00		
Lifetime Resident Fishing 14+	\$300.00		
Lifetime Res. Crawfish Traps	\$150.00		
Lifetime Res. Crab Trap	\$100.00		
Lifetime Res. Slat Trap	\$200.00		
Lifetime Res. Trawl(to 16')	\$250.00		
Lifetime Res. Trawl(to 25')	\$800.00		
Lifetime Res. Oyster Tong	\$ 50.00		
Lifetime Res. Wire Net	\$200.00		
Lifetime Res. Pipes/Drums	\$100.00		
Lifetime Res. Cans/Buckets	\$100.00		
Lifetime Res. Hoop Nets	\$200.00		
Lifetime Resident Combo -14	\$300.00	Res Youth/Senior Lifetime License (0-14)	\$500.00
Lifetime Resident Hunting -14	\$200.00		
Lifetime Resident Fishing -14	\$200.00		
Lifetime Resident Infant H/F	\$200.00		
Lifetime Resident Senior	\$ 50.00		
NR Fish Season	\$60.00	NR Annual Basic Fishing	\$54.00
NR Rec Wire Nets(5)	\$80.00		
NR Rec Pipes/Drums(5)	\$40.00		
NR Rec Cans/Buckets(5)	\$40.00		
NR Rec Crawfish Traps(35)	\$60.00		
NR Rec Slat Traps(5)	\$80.00		
NR Hoop Nets(5)	\$80.00		

<u>Present Nonresident Privilege</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Proposed NonResident Privilege</u>	<u>Cost</u>
NR Saltwater Fish Season	\$30.00	NR Annual Saltwater Fishing	\$52.00
NR Rec Trawl(to 16')	\$100.00		
NR Rec Oyster Tong	\$20.00		
NR Rec Trawl(to 25')	\$320.00		
NR Freshwater Fishing Trip(1 day)	\$5.00	NR 5-Day Basic Fishing	\$18.00
NR Saltwater Trip(1 day)	\$17.50	NR 5-Day Saltwater Fishing	\$17.00
NR Rec Crab Traps(10)	\$60.00	NR Rec Crab Fishing	\$20.00
R/NR Charter Passenger(3 day)	\$10.00	R/NR Charter Passenger (3 Day)	\$22.50
NR Charter Skiff(3 day)	\$30.00		
NR Hunting Season	\$150.00	NR Annual Basic Hunting	
	\$200.00		
NR Trapper License	\$200.00		
NR Big Game Season	\$150.00	NR Annual Deer	\$100.00
NR Bow Hunting	\$26.00		
NR Primitive Firearm	\$26.00		
NR Deer (1-day)	\$36.00	NR 5-Day Basic Hunt	\$67.00
LA Native NR Hunt(5 day)	\$15.00		
LA Native NR BG Game(5 day)	\$14.00	&	
LA Native NR Bow(5 day)	\$10.50	NR 5-Day Deer	\$33.00
LA Native NR Primitive(5 day)	\$10.50		
NR LA Duck	\$25.00	NR Annual Waterfowl	\$100.00
NR Small Game/MigBird(1-day)	\$29.00	NR 5-Day Waterfowl	\$33.00
LA Native NR Duck(5 day)	\$ 5.50		
NR Big Game Season	\$150.00	NR Annual Wild Turkey	\$100.0
NR Wild Turkey	\$20.50		
NR Turkey (1-day)	\$36.00	NR 5-Day Wild Turkey	\$33.00
LA Native NR Turkey(5 day)	\$5.50		
NR Student Basic Fishing	\$ 9.50	Treated as Resident Licenses	
NR Student Salt Fishing	\$ 5.50		
NR Student Basic Hunting	\$15.00		
NR Student Big Game	\$14.00		
NR Student Bow	\$10.50		
NR Student Primitive Firearm	\$10.50		
NR Student Duck	\$ 5.50		
NR Student Wild Turkey	\$ 5.50		
Res/NR Military Fishing	\$ 9.50		
Res/NR Military Saltwater	\$ 5.50		
Res/NR Military Hunting	\$15.00		
Res/NR Military Big Game	\$14.00		
Res/NR Military Bow	\$10.50		
Res/NR Military Primitive Firearm	\$10.50		
Res/NR Military Duck	\$ 5.50		
Res/NR Military Wild Turkey	\$ 5.50		

<u>Present Nonresident Privilege</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Proposed NonResident Privilege</u>	<u>Cost</u>
Lifetime NR Combination	\$3,000.00	Lifetime NR Combination	5,000.00
NR Hunting Preserve(10/1 - 4/30)	\$15.00	Eliminated	
NR Outdoor Press Fish 3-day	\$ 0.00		
NR Outdoor Press Hunt 3-day	\$ 0.00		

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