

2022 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 718

BY REPRESENTATIVE CHARLES OWEN

WILDLIFE & FISHERIES: Provides relative to hunting and fishing licenses for nonresident veterans, retired military personnel, and Purple Heart recipients

1 AN ACT

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

8 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

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

12 §3000. Recreational license requirements; definitions

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

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

1 §3001. Recreational fishing licenses; fees

2 Fishing licenses:

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

6 ~~(a)~~ (1) Hook and line license \$5.00/year

7 (allows using a pole, hook and line, without a reel and without using artificial
8 bait, dip nets, landing nets, minnow traps, crab nets, or crab lines)

9 ~~(b)~~ (2) Basic fishing license \$17.00/year

10 (includes all legal recreational freshwater gear)

11 ~~(c)~~ (3) Saltwater fishing license \$15.00/year

12 (includes all legal recreational saltwater gear)

13 ~~(d)~~ (4) Charter three-day saltwater fishing license \$20.00

14 ~~(e)~~ (5) Charter three-day freshwater fishing license \$10.00

15 ~~(2) B.~~ Nonresident licenses:

16 ~~(a)~~ (1) Basic fishing license \$68.00/year

17 (includes all legal recreational freshwater gear)

18 ~~(b)~~ (2) Saltwater fishing license \$60.00/year

19 (includes all legal recreational saltwater gear)

20 ~~(c)~~ (3) Five-day basic fishing \$30.00

21 (includes all legal freshwater recreational gear)

22 ~~(d)~~ (4) Five-day saltwater fishing \$30.00

23 (includes all legal saltwater recreational gear)

24 ~~(e)~~ (5) Charter boat three-day saltwater fishing license \$20.00

25 ~~(f)~~ (6) Charter boat three-day freshwater fishing license \$10.00

26 §3002. Recreational hunting licenses; fees

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

1	(a) <u>(1)</u> Basic hunting license	\$20.00/year
2	(b) <u>(2)</u> Deer hunting license	\$15.00/year
3	(includes deer tags, archery and primitive privileges)	
4	(c) <u>(3)</u> Waterfowl license	\$12.00/year
5	(d) <u>(4)</u> Turkey license (includes tags)	
6	\$12.00/year	
7	(e) <u>(5)</u> Youth hunting license	\$5.00/year
8	(required for hunting deer, turkey, trapping, and youth lottery hunts)	
9	(2) <u>B.</u> Nonresident licenses:	
10	(a) <u>(1)</u> Basic hunting license	\$200.00/year
11	(b) <u>(2)</u> Deer hunting license	\$100.00/year
12	(includes deer tags, archery and primitive privileges)	
13	(c) <u>(3)</u> Waterfowl hunting license	\$50.00/year
14	(d) <u>(4)</u> Turkey hunting license (includes tags)	\$50.00/year
15	(e) <u>(5)</u> Five-day basic hunting license	\$65.00
16	(f) <u>(6)</u> Five-day deer hunting license	\$35.00
17	(g) <u>(7)</u> Five-day waterfowl hunting license	\$35.00
18	(h) <u>(8)</u> Five-day turkey hunting license	\$35.00
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20	§3004. Combination licenses (includes all hunting, fishing, and WMA <u>access</u>	
21	privileges); fees	
22	A. Resident licenses including Louisiana residents, active and reserve	
23	members of the United States Armed Forces including the National Guard, and	
24	nonresident students:	
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26	(2) Seniors and <u>Senior/Retired Military</u>	\$20.00/year
27	(3) Disabled/Special Needs and special needs	\$4.00/year
28	B. Nonresident <u>licenses:</u>	
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1 Section 2. If enacted on or before June 1, 2022, this Act shall become effective on
2 June 1, 2022, and the provisions of this Act shall supercede any conflicting provisions of Act
3 No. 356 of the 2021 Regular Session.

4 Section 3. If enacted on or after June 2, 2022, this Act shall become effective upon
5 signature by the governor or, if not signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for
6 bills to become law without signature by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section
7 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved
8 by the legislature, this Act shall become effective on the day following such approval.

DIGEST

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HB 718 Engrossed

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Abstract: Adds Purple Heart recipients and former military service members who either enlisted or were discharged while residing in Louisiana to those who may apply for annual hunting and fishing licenses at the resident rate and provides a set fee for the Senior/Retired Military combination hunting and fishing license.

Present law, effective until June 1, 2022, provides certain categories of nonresidents that may qualify for resident license rates, which includes Purple Heart recipients. (R.S. 56:643)

Present law, effective June 1, 2022, also provides certain categories of nonresidents that may qualify for resident license rates, but omits Purple Heart recipients. (R.S. 56:3000(F) as enacted by Act 356 of the 2021 Regular Session)

Proposed law restores resident rate eligibility for Purple Heart recipients. Proposed law further provides that former service members who enlisted or were discharged while residing in the state will also be eligible for resident rates. Specifies that an applicant under either provision of proposed law is required to prove their eligibility and provide the dept. with identification. Further specifies that under proposed law, a DD-214 or NGB-22 is one type of documentation that the department will accept as satisfactory proof of the appropriate military service.

Present law, effective June 1, 2022, provides a schedule of fees for each type of recreational fishing, hunting, and combination licence offered by the dept., and each of the categories is divided into fees for resident licenses and fees for nonresident licenses. Specifies that each section of law for hunting, fishing, and combination license fees includes a list of certain nonresident categories that may qualify for resident rates. (R.S. 56:3000(F), 3001, 3002, and 3004 as enacted by Act 356 of the 2021 Regular Session)

Proposed law retains resident rate eligibility for certain categories of nonresidents only within the license requirements and definitions section and removes the duplicative statements provided under each of the fishing, hunting, and combination license fee provisions to remove the potential for inconsistency.

Present law, effective until June 1, 2022, offers an annual hunting and fishing license for resident and native-born retired military personnel for the cost of \$5. (R.S. 56:643(C))

Present law, effective June 1, 2022, offers a Senior/Retired Military hunting and fishing license for resident and native-born retired military personnel for half the cost of an annual resident hunting and fishing license. (R.S. 56:3000(G)(4) as enacted by Act 356 of the 2021 Regular Session)

Present law, effective June 1, 2022, also provides that the fee for a Senior/Retired Military combination hunting and fishing license fee is \$20. (R.S. 56:3004(A) as enacted by Act 356 of the 2021 Regular Session)

Proposed law retains the set fee of \$20 for a Senior/Retired Military combination license and changes the definition provision for the license by replacing "one-half the cost of an annual resident license" with the set fee of \$20, making the definition and fee provisions consistent.

Effective on June 1, 2022 if enacted on or before June 1, 2022 and supercedes any conflicting provisions of Act No. 356 of the 2021 R.S. However, if enacted on or after June 2, 2022 effective upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends R.S. 56:3000(G), 3001, 3002, and 3004(Section heading), (A)(2) and (3), and (B)(introductory paragraph); Adds R.S. 56:3000(F)(4) and (5))