

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

1	AN ACT
2	To amend and reenact R.S. 56:3000(G), 3001, 3002, and 3004(Section heading),
3	(A)(introductory paragraph), (2), and (3), and (B)(introductory paragraph) and to
4	enact R.S. 56:3000(F)(4) and (5), relative to hunting and fishing licenses; to provide
5	additional eligibility for resident recreational license rates; to provide for the cost of
6	a Senior/Retired Military combination license; to provide for conflicts with other
7	law; to provide for effective date and conditions of enactment; and to provide for
8	related matters.
9	Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
10	Section 1. R.S. 56:3000(G), 3001, 3002, and 3004(Section heading),
11	(A)(introductory paragraph), (2), and (3), and (B)(introductory paragraph) are hereby
12	amended and reenacted and R.S. 56:3000(F)(4) and (5) are hereby enacted to read as
13	follows:
14	§3000. Recreational license requirements; definitions
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16	F. In addition to a person who qualifies as a resident of Louisiana, the
17	following people qualify for resident licenses:
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1	(4) Any person who has been awarded a Purple Heart may be issued an
2	annual hunting and fishing license at the resident rate. The applicant must provide
3	identification and proof of eligibility satisfactory to the department.
4	(5) Any honorably discharged member of the United States Armed Forces
5	or National Guard who either enlisted for service while residing in Louisiana or was
6	discharged from service while residing in Louisiana may be issued an annual hunting
7	and fishing license at the resident rate. The applicant must provide identification and
8	proof of eligibility satisfactory to the department. In addition to any other
9	documentation accepted by the department as satisfactory proof of military service,
10	government-issued separation and discharge documentation, such as a DD-214 or
11	NGB-22, showing enlistment or discharge in the state of Louisiana shall be
12	considered satisfactory proof of eligibility under this Paragraph.
13	G. A person may qualify for a Senior/Retired Military Hunting and Fishing
14	license as follows:
15	(1) A resident who reaches age sixty prior to June 1, 2000, may obtain an
16	annual Senior license for no cost.
17	(2) A resident who reaches age sixty between June 1, 2000, and May 31,
18	2022, may obtain an annual Senior Hunting and Fishing license for the cost of five
19	dollars.
20	(3) A resident who reaches age sixty-five on or after June 1, 2027, may
21	obtain an annual Senior Hunting and Fishing license for the cost of twenty dollars.
22	(4) Upon application to the department and showing identification and proof
23	of military service satisfactory to the department, any person who is a retired
24	member of the United States Armed Forces, including the Louisiana Army National
25	Guard or the Louisiana Air National Guard, and was either born in Louisiana or is
26	a bona fide resident of Louisiana, may obtain an annual license at one-half the cost
27	of an annual resident license for the cost of twenty dollars.
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1	§3001. Recreational fishing licenses; fees	
2	Fishing licenses:	
3	(1) <u>A.</u> Resident licenses including bona-fide residents, active	e 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 nonresid	ent students:
6	(a) (1) Hook and line license	\$5.00/year
7	(allows using a pole, hook and line, without a reel and without	ut 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) <u>B.</u> 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, ac	tive and reserve
28	members of the United States Armed Forces including the Nation	onal Guard, and
29	nonresident students:	
30	(a) (1) Basic hunting license	\$20.00/year

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

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