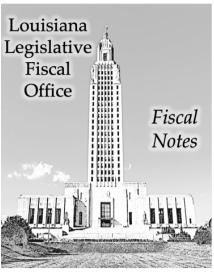


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Fiscal Note**



Fiscal Note On: **HB 400** HLS 24RS 602  
 Bill Text Version: **ENGROSSED**  
 Opp. Chamb. Action:  
 Proposed Amd.:  
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<b>Subject:</b> Lifetime Hunting and Fishing License	

HUNTING/LICENSES EG +\$1,158,500 SD RV See Note Page 1 of 1  
 Provides relative to lifetime combination hunting and fishing licenses

Proposed law authorizes the Dept. of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF) to establish resident and nonresident infant lifetime hunting and fishing licenses for children under three years old, and removes the resident youth lifetime license for children under age 18. Proposed law also increases the fee for an adult (ages 3 through 64) resident lifetime hunting and fishing license from \$500 to \$1,000, and permits the LDWF secretary to adjust lifetime license fees by an amount not to exceed the annual percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) starting three years after these changes go into effect (July 1, 2028). The initial CPI-U based fee change will be based on the three years since the fee was changed, subsequently the secretary may adjust the fees on July 1 of each year thereafter based on the CPI-U since the last change.

Note: If House Bill No. 684 becomes law then bear hunting licenses will be included in all lifetime hunting licenses.

EXPENDITURES	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Annual Total</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

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Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Annual Total</b>	<b>\$1,158,500</b>	<b>\$1,158,500</b>	<b>\$1,158,500</b>	<b>\$1,158,500</b>	<b>\$1,158,500</b>	<b>\$5,792,500</b>

**EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION**

There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental expenditures as a result of this measure. LDWF is able to make the proposed changes to the licensing system using existing resources and staff.

**REVENUE EXPLANATION**

LDWF anticipates an increase in annual revenue of \$1,158,500 for the Conservation Fund using the new fee structure. In FY 23, the department sold a total of 2,468 resident (under 65) lifetime licenses at \$500 each, of which 151 were issued to children under 3 years old, and 3 nonresident lifetime licenses at \$4,000 each, resulting in a combined revenue of \$1,246,000. The following revenue calculations are based on maintaining the same sales volume in future fiscal years, however, the actual amount collected is likely to change from year to year.

**FY 23 Revenue from Existing Lifetime License Fees:**

	<i>FY 23 Sales</i>	<i>License Cost</i>	<i>FY 23 Revenue</i>
Resident Lifetime License	2468	\$500	\$1,234,000
Nonresident Lifetime License	3	\$4,000	\$12,000
<b>Total Revenue:</b>			<b>\$1,246,000</b>

**Estimated Revenue from Fees as Restructured in Proposed Law:**

	<i>Est. Sales</i>	<i>License Cost</i>	<i>Estimated Revenue</i>
Resident Lifetime License	2317	\$1,000	\$2,317,000
Resident Infant Lifetime License	151	\$500	\$75,500
Nonresident Lifetime License	3	\$4,000	\$12,000
Nonresident Infant Lifetime License	0	\$1,000	\$0
<b>Total Revenue:</b>			<b>\$2,404,500</b>

Estimated annual revenue increase: **\$1,158,500**

Senate  
 13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S & H}  
 13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S & H}

House  
 6.8(F)(1) >= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S}  
 6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S}

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