

2024 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 795

BY REPRESENTATIVE ZERINGUE

FUNDS/FUNDING: Provides for revenue reductions from free and discounted recreational hunting and fishing licenses

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 56:3000.1, relative to recreational hunting and fishing licenses; to provide for
3 revenue reductions from free and discounted recreational hunting and fishing
4 licenses; to provide for reimbursement of revenue reductions as a result of free and
5 discounted recreational hunting and fishing licenses; to provide relative to the
6 authority of the legislative auditor; to provide for an effective date; and to provide
7 for related matters.

8 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

9 Section 1. R.S. 56:3000.1 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

10 §3000.1. Reimbursement of revenue reductions

11 A. This section shall apply only to those free and discounted recreational
12 hunting and fishing licenses that are enacted on or after July 1, 2024.

13 B. The Department of Wildlife and Fisheries shall be reimbursed from the
14 state general fund for any lost revenue resulting from the issuance of free and
15 discounted recreational hunting and fishing licenses in an amount equal to the
16 discounts issued.

17 C. The department shall maintain an accounting of lost revenue and shall
18 include the amount of lost revenue in its annual budget request submitted pursuant
19 to Subpart A of Part II of Chapter 1 of Subtitle I of Title 39 of the Louisiana Revised
20 Statutes of 1950.

1 D. The accounting maintained pursuant to Subsection C of this Section shall
2 be subject to inspection and audit by the legislative auditor.
3 Section 2. This Act shall become effective July 1, 2024.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Provides for reimbursement of revenue reductions from free and discounted recreational hunting and fishing licenses.

Present law provides for recreational hunting and fishing licenses and associated fees.

Proposed law retains present law.

Proposed law provides that the Dept. of Wildlife and Fisheries shall be reimbursed for lost revenue from the state general fund for any lost revenue resulting from the issuance of free and discounted recreational hunting and fishing licenses.

Proposed law provides that the department shall keep an accounting of lost revenue and shall include the amount in its annual budget request submitted pursuant to present law.

Proposed law provides that proposed law applies only to those free and discounted recreational hunting and fishing licenses enacted on or after July 1, 2024.

Proposed law provides that the legislative auditor shall have authority to inspect and audit the accounting of lost revenue.

Effective July 1, 2024.

(Adds R.S. 56:3000.1)