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Fiscal Note**

Fiscal Note On: **HB 835** HLS 26RS 1188
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 Proposed Amd.:
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Subject: Establishes a Charter Guide WMA Access Permit	

WILDLIFE/MGT AREAS OR INCREASE SD RV See Note Page 1 of 1
 Establishes a charter guide wildlife management area access permit

Present law prohibits commercial activity including chartering fishing trips on Wildlife Management Areas (WMA). Proposed law creates an exemption for charter fishing guides to operate within WMAs. Proposed law establishes a Charter Guide WMA Access Permit, and sets an annual fee of \$100. Currently, to access these WMAs an individual is required to purchase a daily access pass, under the proposed law if you are a client of a charter captain you will not be required to purchase a daily pass to access the WMA.

EXPENDITURES	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	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
Annual Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

REVENUES	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Ded./Other	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Annual Total						

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION
 There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental expenditures as a result of this measure.

REVENUE EXPLANATION
 Proposed law will increase revenues into the statutorily dedicated Conservation Fund. Present law prohibits commercial activity including chartering fishing trips on Wildlife Management Areas (WMA). Proposed law establishes a Charter Guide WMA Access Permit, and sets an annual fee of \$100. This will allow charter guides to purchase an annual access permit to perform fishing trips on WMAs and allow their clients to access the WMAs with no additional cost. Currently, these clients would be required to purchase a five day access permit that costs \$5 for both residents and nonresidents. The exact fiscal impact of proposed law is indeterminable, as the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is unable to predict the number of charter boat captains that will purchase this permit.

Senate Dual Referral Rules
 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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