

**LEGISLATIVE FISCAL OFFICE**  
**Fiscal Note**



Fiscal Note On: **HB 312** HLS 14RS 516

Bill Text Version: **ORIGINAL**

Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.:

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| <b>Subject:</b> Resident hunting and fishing licenses for veterans |  |

HUNTING/LICENSES OR DECREASE SD RV See Note Page 1 of 1  
Provides for reduced fees for resident hunting and fishing licenses for veterans

Present law provides for certain fees to be charged for various hunting and fishing licenses.

Proposed law provides for a \$5 fee for hunting and fishing licenses for Louisiana residents who have been honorably discharged from the U.S. Armed Forces.

| EXPENDITURES        | 2014-15    | 2015-16    | 2016-17    | 2017-18    | 2018-19    | 5 -YEAR TOTAL     |
|---------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|-------------------|
| State Gen. Fd.      | \$0        | \$0        | \$0        | \$0        | \$0        | <b>\$0</b>        |
| Agy. Self-Gen.      | \$0        | \$0        | \$0        | \$0        | \$0        | <b>\$0</b>        |
| Ded./Other          | SEE BELOW  | \$0        | \$0        | \$0        | \$0        | <b>\$0</b>        |
| Federal Funds       | \$0        | \$0        | \$0        | \$0        | \$0        | <b>\$0</b>        |
| Local Funds         | <u>\$0</u> | <u>\$0</u> | <u>\$0</u> | <u>\$0</u> | <u>\$0</u> | <b><u>\$0</u></b> |
| <b>Annual Total</b> |            | <b>\$0</b> | <b>\$0</b> | <b>\$0</b> | <b>\$0</b> | <b>\$0</b>        |

  

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| Ded./Other          | DECREASE   | DECREASE   | DECREASE   | DECREASE   | DECREASE   |                   |
| Federal Funds       | \$0        | \$0        | \$0        | \$0        | \$0        | <b>\$0</b>        |
| Local Funds         | <u>\$0</u> | <u>\$0</u> | <u>\$0</u> | <u>\$0</u> | <u>\$0</u> | <b><u>\$0</u></b> |
| <b>Annual Total</b> |            |            |            |            |            |                   |

**EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION**

The proposed legislation will result in a one-time increase in programming costs of approximately \$3,600 in FY 15 to adjust the fees in the electronic licensing system. The department's existing vendor currently charges approximately \$90 per hour for programming and the department estimates approximately 40 hours of work is necessary to make these changes (40 hours x \$90 = \$3,600). The Legislative Fiscal Office believes that any additional IT work associated with this legislation will be incremental in nature, and that the department can potentially accomplish these tasks utilizing existing resources and budget authority. To the extent that numerous pieces of legislation are enacted that require additional programming efforts, the department may require additional resources.

**REVENUE EXPLANATION**

The proposed legislation will have a negative impact on Conservation Fund revenues due to the possible decrease of various hunting and fishing license fees. The impact is indeterminable at this time because statistics on how many licenses that are issued to persons who have been honorably discharged is not tracked. According to the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, there are approximately 319,000 honorably discharged veterans living in Louisiana. The current fees for the various licenses that would be impacted by the proposed legislation are \$5 to \$15. Currently, any Louisiana resident over the age of 60 can purchase a Senior Hunting/Fishing License for \$5, which encompasses all hunting and fishing privileges. If a Louisiana resident under the age of 60 who has been honorably discharged purchases all hunting and fishing licenses at the current rate the cost would be \$91, as opposed to the rate of \$5 in proposed law.

To the extent that 1.8% or 5,814 of the eligible 319,000 honorably discharged veterans purchase the \$5 license, as opposed to the current rate for these license at a cost of \$91, revenues would decrease by \$500,000 (5,814 x \$86).

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| Senate   | <u>Dual Referral Rules</u> | House | <input type="checkbox"/> 6.8(F)(1) >= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S}                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S&H}                  |                            |       | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 6.8(F)(2) >= \$500,000 State Rev. Reduc. {H & S}       |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S&H} |                            |       | <input type="checkbox"/> 6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S} |

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