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Fiscal Note On: **HB 1082** HLS 14RS 2396

Bill Text Version: **REENGROSSED**

Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.:

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Subject: Saltwater fishing licenses		

FISHING/LICENSES RE +\$1,988,273 SD RV See Note Page 1 of 1
Imposes an additional fee on the sale of saltwater fishing licenses and dedicates the revenues

Present law requires a saltwater fishing license in order to fish for saltwater fish in Louisiana. Provides for a \$5.50 fee for purchase of such license for residents and \$30 for nonresidents.

Proposed law provides for an additional fee of \$7.50 for residents purchasing a saltwater license between June 1, 2014 and May 31, 2018. Provides that the revenues from such additional fee be credited to the Saltwater Fish Research and Conservation Fund. Creates such fund and provides that the revenues deposited into the fund be used by the Office of Fisheries of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries for data collection and management of recreational saltwater fish species.

Effective June 1, 2014.

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

REVENUES	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Ded./Other	\$1,988,273	\$1,988,273	\$1,988,273	\$1,988,273	\$0	\$7,953,092
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Funds	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	\$0
Annual Total	\$1,988,273	\$1,988,273	\$1,988,273	\$1,988,273	\$0	\$7,953,092

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

The proposed legislation will result in an increase in programming costs of approximately \$3,600 in FY 15 to adjust the fees in the electronic licensing system and FY 18 to suspend the fee. 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 increase revenues to the Conservation Fund for the next four fiscal years. Based on the average license sales over the last three fiscal years and assuming the number of license holders remains constant, the estimated revenue increase would be \$1,988,273 (265,103 licenses x \$7.50) from FY 15 to FY 18. Because the effective date of the legislation is June 1, 2014, it is possible that revenues in FY 14 will increase by a nominal amount.

The revenue generated would be placed into a special account designated as the Saltwater Fish Research and Conservation Fund within the Conservation Fund to be used by the Office of Fisheries for data collection and management and conservation of recreational saltwater fish species.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S&H} | | | <input 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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