

2017 Regular Session

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 67

BY REPRESENTATIVE IVEY

HUNTING/LICENSES: To request the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to study the possibility of state reciprocity in the issuance of hunting and fishing licenses for certain former members of the U.S. Armed Forces

1    A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2      To urge and request the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to study the possibility of state  
3          reciprocity in the issuance of hunting and fishing licenses for certain members of the  
4          United States Armed Forces.

5          WHEREAS, Louisiana offers some of the lowest recreational hunting and fishing  
6      license fees in the nation; and

7          WHEREAS, the state of Louisiana already offers several options for reduced rates  
8      for the purchase of hunting and fishing licenses by persons who served in the United States  
9      Armed Forces or are current members of the United States Armed Forces; and

10          WHEREAS, no matter their state of residence, current active duty members of the  
11      armed forces and their spouses qualify for licenses at the Louisiana resident rates; and

12          WHEREAS, members of the Louisiana National Guard or reserve who are not on  
13      active duty qualify for a fifty-dollar license that covers all hunting and fishing privileges at  
14      half the price of a resident license; and

15          WHEREAS, retired members of the United States Armed Forces who were either  
16      born in Louisiana or are current residents of Louisiana qualify for a five-dollar license that  
17      covers all hunting and fishing privileges; and

18          WHEREAS, residents of Louisiana who are disabled veterans qualify for hunting and  
19      fishing licenses for no charge and the surviving spouse of a person killed in action in a  
20      combat zone qualifies for a hunting or fishing license for two dollars and fifty cents; and

1           WHEREAS, the state of Louisiana is actively recognizing and honoring those people  
2 who served in our nation's armed forces and gave so freely of their time, effort, and  
3 sometimes their lives and limbs in defense of the citizens of this nation and this state; and

4           WHEREAS, however, their service was not just for the state of Louisiana but it was  
5 for the entire country and that service should be recognized and rewarded throughout this  
6 great land in whatever ways are possible; and

7           WHEREAS, universal granting of reduced-rate hunting and fishing privileges by all  
8 the states would be an appropriate and appreciated way to recognize and reward the  
9 sacrifices of all members of the United States Armed Forces who are on active duty, retired,  
10 retired and disabled, and those who served and received an honorable discharge; and

11           WHEREAS, Louisiana should pursue this ideal and explore the possibilities of  
12 establishing a nationwide policy of granting reduced-rate hunting and fishing privileges for  
13 all members of the United States Armed Forces whether they are active duty, retired, retired  
14 and disabled, or have completed their service and received an honorable discharge and work  
15 with our sister states to establish the necessary reciprocity agreements and infrastructure for  
16 implementation of this concept.

17           THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby  
18 urge and request the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to study the possibility of state  
19 reciprocity in the issuance of hunting and fishing licenses for certain members of the United  
20 States Armed Forces.

21           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the  
22 secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries.

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#### DIGEST

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