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HB 691 Reengrossed

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Bacala

Abstract: Restructures the hunting and fishing licensing system for the Dept. of Wildlife and Fisheries.

Proposed law restructures the recreational fishing and hunting licenses as follows:

<u>Present Resident Privilege</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Proposed Resident Privilege</u>	<u>Cost</u>
Res Hook and Line	\$2.50	Res Hook and Line	\$ 5.00
Res Basic Fishing	\$ 9.50	Res Basic Fishing	\$17.00
Res Rec Wire Net (5)	\$ 20.00		
Res Rec Pipes/Drums (5)	\$ 10.00		
Res Rec Cans/Buckets (5)	\$ 10.00		
Res Hoop Nets (5)	\$ 20.00		
Res Rec Crawfish Traps (35)	\$ 15.00		
Res Rec Slat Traps (5)	\$ 20.00		
Res Rec Crab Traps	\$ 15.00		
Res Saltwater	\$ 13.00	Res Saltwater Fishing	\$15.00
Res Rec Trawl(to 16')	\$ 25.00		
Res Rec Oyster Tong	\$ 5.00		
Resident Rec Trawl(to 25')	\$ 80.00		
R/NR Charter Passenger(3 day)	\$ 10.00	Res Charter (3 day) Saltwater	\$20.00
		Res Charter (3 day) Freshwater	\$10.00
Res Basic Hunting	\$ 15.00	Res Basic Hunt	\$ 20.00
Res Trapper-15 & older	\$ 25.00	Res Youth	\$ 5.00
Res Trapper-14 & Under	\$ 5.00		
Res Big Game	\$ 14.00	Res Deer	\$ 15.00
Res Bow Hunting	\$ 10.50		
Res Primitive Firearm	\$ 10.50		
Res La Duck	\$ 5.50	Res Waterfowl	\$12.00

Res Big Game	\$ 14.00	Res Wild Turkey	\$12.00
Res Wild Turkey	\$ 5.50		
Res La Sportsman's Paradise	\$100.00	Res La Sportsman's Paradise	\$100.00
Res Senior Hunt/Fish (60 or older)	\$ 5.00	Res Senior/Retired Military Hunt/Fish (65 or older)	\$20.00
Hunt/Fish-Disabled	\$ 0.00	Disabled or Special Needs Hunt/Fish Combo	\$ 2.50
Fish - Disabled	\$ 0.00		
Hunt - Disabled	\$ 0.00		
LA Disabled Fishing	\$ 2.50		
LA Disabled Saltwater	\$ 2.50		
Res. Disabled Basic Hunting	\$ 5.00		
Res Disabled Big Game	\$ 5.00		
Res Disabled Bow	\$ 5.00		
Res Disabled Primitive Firearm	\$ 5.00		
Res/Native Ret. Military Hunt/Fish	\$ 5.00		
Res/Surv. Spouse Military KIA Fish	\$ 2.50		
Res/Surv. Spouse Military KIA Hunt	\$ 2.50		
Lifetime Resident Combo 14+	\$500.00	Lifetime Resident Combo	\$500.00
Lifetime Resident Hunting 14+	\$300.00		
Lifetime Resident Fishing 14+	\$300.00		
Lifetime Res. Crawfish Traps	\$150.00		
Lifetime Res. Crab Trap	\$100.00		
Lifetime Res. Slat Trap	\$200.00		
Lifetime Res. Trawl(to 16')	\$250.00		
Lifetime Res. Trawl(to 25')	\$800.00		
Lifetime Res. Oyster Tong	\$ 50.00		
Lifetime Res. Wire Net	\$200.00		
Lifetime Res. Pipes/Drums	\$100.00		
Lifetime Res. Cans/Buckets	\$100.00		
Lifetime Res. Hoop Nets	\$200.00		
Lifetime Resident Combo -14	\$300.00	Res Youth Lifetime	\$500.00
Lifetime Resident Hunting -14	\$200.00		
Lifetime Resident Fishing -14	\$200.00		
Lifetime Resident Infant H/F	\$200.00		
Lifetime Resident Senior	\$ 50.00	Res Senior Lifetime	\$100.00
<u>Present Nonresident Privilege</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Proposed NonResident Privilege</u>	<u>Cost</u>
NR Fish Season	\$ 60.00	NR Annual Basic Fishing	\$ 68.00

NR Rec Wire Nets(5)	\$ 80.00		
NR Rec Pipes/Drums(5)	\$ 40.00		
NR Rec Cans/Buckets(5)	\$ 40.00		
NR Rec Crawfish Traps(35)	\$ 60.00		
NR Rec Slat Traps(5)	\$ 80.00		
NR Hoop Nets(5)	\$ 80.00		
NR Rec Crab Traps(10)	\$ 60.00		
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NR Saltwater Fish Season	\$ 30.00	NR Annual Saltwater Fishing	\$ 60.00
NR Rec Trawl(to 16')	\$100.00		
NR Rec Oyster Tong	\$ 20.00		
NR Rec. Trawl (to 25')	\$320.00		
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NR Freshwater Fishing Trip(1 day)	\$ 5.00	NR 5-Day Basic Fishing	\$ 30.00
NR Saltwater Trip(1 day)	\$ 17.50	NR 5-Day Saltwater Fishing	\$ 30.00
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R/NR Charter Passenger(3 day)	\$ 10.00	NR Charter (3 day) Saltwater	\$20.00 NR
Charter Skiff(3 day)	\$ 30.00	NR Charter (3 day) Freshwater	\$10.00
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NR Hunting Season	\$150.00	NR Annual Basic Hunting	\$200.00
NR Trapper License	\$200.00		
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NR Big Game Season	\$150.00	NR Annual Deer	\$100.00
NR Bow Hunting	\$ 26.00		
NR Primitive Firearm	\$ 26.00		
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NR Deer (1-day)	\$ 36.00	NR 5-Day Basic Hunt	\$ 65.00
LA Native NR Hunt(5 day)	\$ 15.00		
LA Native NR BG Game(5 day)	\$ 14.00		
LA Native NR Bow(5 day)	\$ 10.50	NR 5-Day Deer	\$ 35.00
LA Native NR Primitive(5 day)	\$ 10.50		
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NR LA Duck	\$ 25.00	NR Annual Waterfowl	\$ 50.00
NR Small Game/MigBird(1-day)	\$ 29.00	NR 5-Day Waterfowl	\$ 35.00
LA Native NR Duck(5 day)	\$ 5.50		
NR Big Game Season	\$150.00	NR Annual Wild Turkey	\$ 50.00
NR Wild Turkey	\$ 20.50		
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NR Turkey (1-day)	\$ 36.00	NR 5-Day Wild Turkey	\$ 35.00
LA Native NR Turkey(5 day)	\$ 5.50		
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NR Student Basic Fishing	\$ 9.50	Treated as Resident Licenses	
NR Student Salt Fishing	\$ 5.50		
NR Student Basic Hunting	\$ 15.00		
NR Student Big Game	\$ 14.00		

NR Student Bow	\$ 10.50
NR Student Primitive Firearm	\$ 10.50
NR Student Duck	\$ 5.50
NR Student Wild Turkey	\$ 5.50
Res/NR Military Fishing	\$ 9.50
Res/NR Military Saltwater	\$ 5.50
Res/NR Military Hunting	\$ 15.00
Res/NR Military Big Game	\$ 14.00
Res/NR Military Bow	\$ 10.50
Res/NR Military Primitive Firearm	\$ 10.50
Res/NR Military Duck	\$ 5.50
Res/NR Military Wild Turkey	\$ 5.50

Lifetime NR Combination	\$3,000.00	Lifetime NR	\$4,000.00
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NR Hunting Preserve(10/1 - 4/30)	\$ 15.00	Eliminated
NR Outdoor Press Fish 3-day	\$ 0.00	
NR Outdoor Press Hunt 3-day	\$ 0.00	

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WMA Hunting Permit(age 18-60)	\$ 15.00	WMA Basic Access Permit	\$ 20.00
Wild LA Stamp	\$ 9.50	WMA 5-Day Access Permit	\$ 5.00
Wild LA Stamp(1 day)	\$ 2.00	WMA Camping Permit	\$ 7.00

Present law provides for the Crab Promotion and Marketing Fund.

Proposed law renames the fund to the Crab Development, Management and Derelict Crab Trap Removal Account. Further creates the Oyster Resource Management Account, the Crawfish Development and Management Account, the Louisiana Duck License, Stamp, and Print Fund, the Louisiana Wild Turkey Fund, the Lifetime License Endowment Trust Fund and the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Foundation Escrow Account. Further provides for the disposition of monies.

Proposed law provides for hunting reciprocity with Mississippi to become operative when the state of Mississippi grants reciprocal privileges to the holders of hunting and fishing or angling licenses issued by the state of Louisiana.

Proposed law provides for turkey hunting reciprocity with neighboring states if the neighboring state has a similar wild turkey stamp or license requirement and fee.

Proposed law authorizes the establishment of a Nuisance Wildlife Control Operator Program

Proposed law establishes or changes commercial fees as follows:

- (1) Hunting Guide license - \$150 for residents, \$600 for nonresident.
- (2) Breeder's license from \$25 to \$50.
- (3) Alligator hunting & Fur trapping from \$25 to \$40 for residents and from \$200 to \$160 for nonresidents.
- (4) Fur Buyer's license from \$25 to \$55 for residents and from \$100 to \$215 for nonresidents.
- (5) Fur Dealer's license from \$150 to \$400 for residents and from \$300 to \$800 for nonresidents and no deposit.
- (6) Nongame quadruped exhibitor license from \$10 to \$20.
- (7) Nongame quadruped breeder license from \$25 to \$50.
- (8) Alligator parts dealer license from \$50 to \$105.
- (9) Alligator parts retailer license from \$5 to \$10.
- (10) Resident charter boat fishing guide license from \$250 to \$150 (freshwater), \$300 for vessel with 6 passengers or less (saltwater), or \$700 for vessel with more than 6 passengers (saltwater).
- (11) Nonresident charter boat fishing guide license from \$1,000 to \$1,500 (saltwater), or \$500 (freshwater)
- (12) Commercial fisherman's license from \$55 to \$96 for residents and from \$460 to \$620 for nonresidents.
- (13) Resident senior commercial fishing license from \$20 to \$50.
- (14) Gulf Seafood Traversing & Offloading License \$75 for residents and \$800 for nonresidents.
- (15) Fresh products license from \$20 to \$61 for residents and from \$120 to \$300 for nonresidents.
- (16) Vessel license from \$15 to \$50 for the first vessel, \$35 for the second vessel, and \$20 for the third and subsequent vessel for residents; and from \$60 to \$400 for nonresidents.
- (17) Oyster gear license - \$50 per tong/scrapper.
- (18) Crab gear license - \$40 for crab trap use.
- (19) Saltwater finfish gear license - \$300 per mullet/pompano strike net, \$350 rod and reel, \$3,000 per purse seine/menhaden seine, and \$50 cast net use.

- (20) Crawfish gear license - \$50 for crawfish trap use.
- (21) Freshwater gear license - \$50 for one shad gill net or one shad seine, or use of other netting specified.
- (22) Wholesale/retail seafood dealer's license from \$250 to \$625 for residents and from \$1105 to \$3,000 for nonresidents.
- (23) Retail seafood dealer's license from \$105 to \$375 for residents and from \$405 to \$1,500 for nonresidents.
- (24) Transport license from \$30 to \$83 per vehicle.
- (25) Special permit issued for the commercial taking or sale by a commercial fisherman of spotted sea trout from \$100 to \$50 for residents and from \$400 to \$600 for nonresidents.
- (26) Reptile and amphibian wholesale/retail dealer's license from \$105 to \$220 for a resident and from \$405 to \$880 for a nonresident.
- (27) Domesticated aquatic organism license from \$15 to \$25 for residents and from \$400 to \$500 for nonresidents.
- (28) Oyster seed ground vessel permit from \$250 to \$50 for a resident and from \$1,000 to \$200 for a nonresident, plus Public Oyster Seed Ground gear license for \$200 per year for a resident and \$800 per year for a nonresident.
- (29) Reptile and amphibian collector's license from \$25 to \$55 for a resident and from \$200 to \$420 for a nonresident, and changes the requirement to possess a collector's license for residents from under 16 to under 18 years.
- (30) Nonresident three-day reptile and amphibian wholesale/retail dealer's license from \$75 to \$150.
- (31) Reptile and amphibian transport license from \$30 to \$65 per vehicle for a resident and from \$120 to \$250 per vehicle for a nonresident with an application fee for such license from \$200 to \$420.

Proposed law provides that any required species specific culture permit shall cost \$100 and all other species specific permits shall cost \$50. Further provides that mariculture permits shall cost \$500 annually.

Proposed law further changes the date for when a wholesale/retail seafood dealer can purchase a license for the following license year from October 1 to November 15 of the prior year.

Proposed law prohibits the commercial taking or sale by a commercial fisherman of shark except by

special permit a cost of \$25.

Proposed law requires the Dept. of Wildlife and Fisheries to offer all licenses and credentials on LA Wallet.

Proposed law requires the Dept. of Wildlife and Fisheries to phase in the changes to commercial license fees contained in Section 2 by implementing fifty percent of each fee increase or decrease starting on June 1, 2022, and the remaining fifty percent of each fee increase or decrease starting on June 1, 2024.

Present law allows any person born in La. who possesses a valid Louisiana birth certificate to purchase a nonresident temporary hunting license that is valid for five consecutive days for the cost of a resident hunting license. Proposed law adds basic fishing privileges and extends the period for which the license is valid from 5 days to 10 days.

(Amends R.S. 34:851.20(A)(1), and 851.32(A), R.S. 56:8(16)(a)(ii) and (b)(i), 10(B)(1)(a)(i), (e), (f), and (g), (5), (7)(a), (9), and (10), and (D), 10.1(B) and (C), 103(A) and (C)(1), 104(A)(7), 109(D), 116(C)(1) and (D), 116.1(C)(3), the heading of Subpart A-1 of Part IV of Chapter 1 of Title 56 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, 151, 171(A), 172(B), 251(A)(1) and (3) through (6), 253(C)(1), 258, 262(A), (B), and (D), 263(A), 302, 302.1(Section heading) and (A) through (C), 302.9(A)(1), (C), and (F), 302.9.1(A), (B), and (E), 302.10(B)(1) through (3) and (C), 303(B), (D)(1), and (F), 303.1.1(B), (C), and (E), 303.6(B), 304(B) and (C), 304.1(B), 305(B) and (C)(1), 305.1(B) and (C), 306(B)(6)(c), 306.1(B)(7)(b) and (c), 306.2(A) and (B), 306.3(B), 307.1(A), 322.1(A), 322.2(A), 325.1(A)(1), (3)(a), and (C)(2)(d), 325.3(A)(1) and (C), 326(E)(2) and (H), 330(B), 412(A)(2) and (5), 433.1(Section heading) and (A)(1), 442(B), 449(B), 492, 494(E)(5) and (F), 500(A), 501(B)(2), 632.4(A)(1) through (3), 632.5(A) and (E), 632.9(B)(1), 641, 649.1, 649.2, 649.3, 649.4, 649.7, 653(A)(introductory paragraph), and 1833; Adds R.S. 56:8(16)(a)(v), 10(B)(4) and (7)(c), 10.3, 102, 112(C), 302.1(D), 303(G), 411(B)(4) through (6), 645, 678, 679, and R.S. 56:3000 through 3007; Repeals R.S. 56:10(B)(1)(d), (6), and (13), 103(E) and (F), 103.1, 104, 105, 155, 156, 157, 164, 165, 166, 302.1, 302.2, 302.3, 302.4, 302.5, 302.6, 302.9.1(D), 303.6(A)(2), 305(C)(3) and (G), 641.1, 642, 643, 646, 647.1, 649.5, 649.6, 650, 650.1, and 1832)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Natural Resources and Environment to the original bill:

1. Decrease the cost of a commercial fishing license for residents from \$155.00 to \$110.00.
2. Decrease the cost of the Gulf Seafood Traversing and Offloading License for residents (Federal Exclusive Economic Zone "EEZ") from \$200.00 to \$175.00.
3. Decrease the cost of the commercial vessel license for residents from \$100.00 to \$70.00.
4. Change the crab gear crab trap fee and crawfish gear crawfish trap fee from \$15 plus and

additional \$.50 per trap to a flat rate of \$50.00.

5. Provide that \$10.00 per resident commercial shrimp gear license sold and \$40.00 per nonresident commercial shrimp gear license sold annually go into the Shrimp Development and Management Account.
6. Change the amount of revenues collected from the issuance of wholesale out-of state crab shipping licenses to be deposited into the Crab Development, Management and Derelict Crab Trap Removal Account from 10% of revenues to collected to all revenues collected.
7. Change the amount of revenues collected from the issuance of retail out-of state crab shipping licenses to be deposited into the Crab Development, Management and Derelict Crab Trap Removal Account from 10% of revenues collected to all revenues collected.
8. Change the annual fee for a nonresident charter fishing guide license from \$1,000.00 to \$1,500.00.
9. Remove a provision that would have created the "Crawfish Development and Management Account" to collect certain fees for the sale of commercial gear licenses.
10. Remove a provision that would have provided a credit, of revenues collected from the sale of crawfish gear fees, to the Crawfish Development and Management Account.
11. Make technical changes.

The House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill:

1. Remove "paddle crafts" and "kayaks" from the proposed law.
2. Remove the reduction in fees for the oyster harvester license.
3. Require the department to phase in the changes to commercial license fees.
4. Allow anyone that lives out of state who possesses a valid Louisiana birth certificate to purchase a nonresident temporary 10 day hunting and fishing license for the cost of a resident hunting license.
5. Provide a discounted fee for registration of more than one commercial vessel.
6. Require the department to offer all licenses and credentials on LA Wallet.
7. Reduce the proposed increase for certain commercial license fees by 25% of the proposed increase.
8. Reduce the proposed lifetime Louisiana resident license fee by 50%.

9. Reduce the proposed increase for disabled/special needs hunting and fishing licenses.
10. Reduce the proposed increase for the Gulf Seafood Traversing and Offloading License.
11. Remove fees related to commercial shrimp.
12. Provide an exception for wild caught crawfish.
13. Modify the cost of the wholesale/retail seafood dealer's license and the transport license.
14. Modify provisions related to the Louisiana Duck License, Stamp, and Print Fund and change the associated use.
15. Make technical changes.