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Fiscal Note On: **HB 795** HLS 24RS 1216

Bill Text Version: **ENGROSSED**

Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.:

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Subject: License Reimbursement		

FUNDS/FUNDING

EG INCREASE GF EX See Note

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Provides for revenue reductions from free and discounted recreational hunting and fishing licenses

In the event future legislation were to create a free or discounted hunting and fishing license, proposed law would require that the lost revenue be reimbursed to the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries from the SGF. Proposed law requires that this reimbursement apply to discounts which are enacted through legislation on or after July 1, 2024.

EXPENDITURES	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	\$0
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Ded./Other	\$0	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	\$0
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Annual Total	\$0					\$0

REVENUES	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	5 -YEAR TOTAL
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Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Annual Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

To the extent legislation is enacted providing a discount on licenses, then proposed law will require the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF) to maintain an accounting of lost revenue from the sale of discounted or free hunting and fishing licenses, and shall include the amount of lost revenue in its annual budget request. The legislature would have to transfer the requested amount of SGF to the Conservation Fund or to the statutory location in which revenues are deposited related to the discounted license. The LDWF is able to account for the proposed activity using existing resources and staff.


Proposed law could potentially increase SGF deposits into dedications related to the reimbursement of any free or discounted licenses sold in the prior fiscal year. The anticipated effect would be difficult to determine as the amount of licenses sold may be dependent on the level of discount provided. If discounts entice individuals who otherwise would not have purchased a license, there is the potential for additional revenue in the form of reimbursements that would be deposited into the dedications compared to base levels; however, this precise amount is unknown.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

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

Senate
 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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