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## DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Removes obsolete provision of law establishing fees for resident and nonresident duck stamps, which were required for the taking of migratory waterfowl under prior law.

Present law provides for a La. Duck License, Stamp, and Print Program to fund projects to protect and preserve migratory waterfowl recreation and tourism in the state through the sale of duck licenses and duck stamps and prints.

Present law requires the purchase of a resident or nonresident duck license for the taking of migratory waterfowl and establishes fees for the purchase of these licenses.

Present law also requires the Dept. of Wildlife and Fisheries to provide by rule for the creation, marketing, and sale of an annual duck stamp and print. The dept. is further required to provide by rule for the selection of artwork to be used and the manner of reproduction for the annual duck stamp and print.

Present law authorizes the secretary of the dept. to sell these stamps and prints by the method deemed most beneficial to the department, and includes authorization to sell the stamps and prints at public or private auction or directly to individuals, groups, and organizations.

Present law provides that the purchase of annual duck stamps and prints are not required for taking waterfowl, nor do they convey any privileges related to hunting, taking, possessing, or transporting ducks in the state.

Proposed law retains present law.

Present law also contains fees for resident and nonresident duck stamps.

Proposed law removes present law as an obsolete provision from prior law that required the purchase of both a resident or nonresident license and a resident or nonresident stamp to take migratory waterfowl.

(Amends R.S. 56:153)