

Regular Session, 2013

HOUSE BILL NO. 245

BY REPRESENTATIVE LAMBERT

WILDLIFE & FISHERIES: Provides for the issuance of nonresident recreational hunting and fishing licenses at the same cost as resident licenses

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 56:103.1(B)(1), 104(A)(2) and (4), 105(B), 153, 302.1(A) and
3 (C)(1)(a), relative to hunting and fishing license fees; to provide for the license fees
4 required for nonresidents; to provide for effective dates; and to provide for related
5 matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 56:103.1(B)(1), 104(A)(2) and (4), 105(B), 153, 302.1(A) and
8 (C)(1)(a) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

9 §103.1. Nonresident licenses; penalties

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11 B.(1) In order to hunt, take, possess, or transport deer or turkey in Louisiana,
12 in addition to a nonresident basic hunting license, a nonresident shall be required to
13 purchase and have on his person a nonresident big game license. In order to hunt,
14 take, possess, or transport waterfowl in Louisiana, in addition to a nonresident basic
15 hunting license, a nonresident shall be required to purchase and have on his person
16 a nonresident duck license. The fee for an annual nonresident duck license shall be
17 ~~twenty-five dollars~~ five dollars and fifty cents. In order to hunt, take, possess, or
18 transport turkey in Louisiana, in addition to a nonresident big game hunting license,
19 a nonresident shall be required to purchase and have on his person a nonresident wild

1 turkey license. The fee for an annual nonresident wild turkey license shall be ~~twenty~~
2 ~~dollars and fifty cents~~ five dollars and fifty cents.

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4 §104. License fees; reciprocity; exceptions

5 A. No license shall be issued under this Part unless there has been previously
6 paid a fee or fees as hereinafter set forth:

7 * * *

8 (2) In the case of a nonresident who is sixteen years of age or older, a basic
9 hunting license fee of ~~two hundred~~ fifteen dollars for the entire season is required to
10 hunt, take, possess, or transport wild birds or wild quadrupeds on which open
11 seasons are declared. Special additional licenses are required to hunt, take, possess,
12 or transport deer, turkey, or migratory waterfowl.

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14 (4) Except as specified in Subsection B of this Section, in addition to a
15 nonresident hunting license, a nonresident shall be required to purchase and possess
16 a nonresident big game license for a fee of ~~two hundred twenty-five~~ fifteen dollars
17 for the entire season in order to hunt, take, possess, or transport deer, turkey, or
18 bobcat. In addition, a fee of ~~fifty dollars~~ ten dollars and fifty cents shall be charged
19 a nonresident for the issuance of a special primitive firearms license to take deer
20 during the special deer season for primitive firearms as provided in R.S.
21 56:103.1(B)(2).

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23 §105. Special permits and licenses; scientific or entertainment purposes; bow
24 licenses; beaver permit

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26 B. In addition to all other licenses required by law, a special bow license is
27 authorized allowing the holder of such a license to hunt with bows during bow
28 hunting season. A fee of ten dollars and fifty cents may be charged a resident and
29 ~~fifty dollars~~ ten dollars and fifty cents shall be charged a nonresident for the issuance

1 of such a license, and the proceeds therefrom shall be dedicated to the Conservation
2 Fund, after costs for the administration of this Subsection have been deducted.

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4 §153. Design, marketing, and sale of duck stamps and prints

5 The department shall provide by regulation for the annual creation of duck
6 stamps and duck stamp prints, the manner of selection of an artist and the manner of
7 reproduction, distribution, marketing and sale of such stamps and prints. Purchase
8 of such stamps and prints shall not authorize the purchaser to hunt, take, possess, or
9 transport ducks in the state of Louisiana. The secretary is hereby authorized to sell
10 such stamps and prints by the method he deems to be most beneficial to the
11 department, including public or private auction or direct sale to an individual, group,
12 or organization. The cost for a resident duck stamp shall be five dollars and fifty
13 cents and the cost for a nonresident duck stamp shall be ~~twenty-five dollars~~ five
14 dollars and fifty cents. The department shall retain exclusive ownership and
15 production rights to the design for reproduction of duck stamps and prints to sell to
16 hunters, collectors, and other interested persons. Upon completion of this process,
17 the original artwork shall be returned to the artist.

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19 §302.1. Annual license; temporary license; fees; saltwater fee; exemptions

20 A. The cost of the annual basic recreational fishing license is nine dollars
21 and fifty cents for residents and ~~sixty dollars~~ nine dollars and fifty cents for
22 nonresidents, except that residents using a rod or fishing pole, hook and line, without
23 a reel and without using artificial bait shall pay two dollars and fifty cents per year;
24 however, any person required by this Part to possess a basic two dollars and fifty
25 cents license shall be subject to a maximum fine of five dollars for not possessing the
26 license as herein required, and there shall be no court costs associated with the fine.

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28 C.(1)(a) In addition to the annual basic recreational fishing license, any
29 person fishing in the saltwater areas of the state defined in R.S. 56:322 must

1 purchase a saltwater license. The fee for the annual saltwater license is five dollars
2 and fifty cents for residents and ~~thirty dollars~~ five dollars and fifty cents for
3 nonresidents. As a condition of the application for and the granting of the saltwater
4 license, all saltwater finfish caught or transported by the license holder while the
5 license is in effect are presumed to have been taken in the waters of Louisiana.

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16 license as herein required, and there shall be no court costs associated with the fine.

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22 nonresidents. As a condition of the application for and the granting of the saltwater
23 license, all saltwater finfish caught or transported by the license holder while the
24 license is in effect are presumed to have been taken in the waters of Louisiana.

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26 Section 3. Section 1 of this Act shall become effective upon signature of this Act by
27 the governor or, if not signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to
28 become law without signature by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the
29 Constitution of Louisiana. If this Act is vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved

1 by the legislature, Section 1 of this Act shall become effective on the day following such
2 approval.

3 Section 4. Section 2 of this Act shall become effective on January 1, 2016.

DIGEST

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Lambert

HB No. 245

Abstract: Provides for the issuance of nonresident hunting and recreational fishing licenses at the same cost as resident licenses.

Proposed law specifies that until Jan. 1, 2016, the fees in present law for nonresident hunting and recreational fishing licenses shall be reduced as follows:

Duck license	<u>from</u>	\$ 25	<u>to</u>	\$ 5.50
Wild turkey	<u>from</u>	\$ 25	<u>to</u>	\$ 5.50
Basic hunting	<u>from</u>	\$ 200	<u>to</u>	\$ 15
Big game	<u>from</u>	\$ 250	<u>to</u>	\$ 15
Primitive firearms	<u>from</u>	\$ 50	<u>to</u>	\$ 10.50
Bow hunting	<u>from</u>	\$ 50	<u>to</u>	\$ 10.50
Freshwater fishing	<u>from</u>	\$ 60	<u>to</u>	\$ 9.50
Saltwater fishing	<u>from</u>	\$ 30	<u>to</u>	\$ 5.50

Effective Jan. 1, 2016, license fees return to previous levels.

(Amends R.S. 56:103.1(B)(1), 104(A)(2) and (4), 105(B), 153, 302.1(A) and (C)(1)(a))