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Fiscal Note



Fiscal Note On: **HB 378** HLS 13RS 702

Bill Text Version: **ENROLLED**

Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.:

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Subject: Increases fees related to the charter boat fishing industry	

FISHING/LICENSES EN +\$210,610 SD RV See Note Page 1 of 1
Increases certain fees related to the charter boat fishing industry

Present law provides for a \$5 charter passenger fishing trip license for a person fishing with a licensed charter guide on board a vessel. Proposed law provides for an additional fee of \$5.

Present law provides for an annual nonresident charter boat fishing guide license fee of \$1,000 for a vessel carrying up to six passengers and \$2,000 for a vessel carrying more than six passengers. Proposed law provides for an additional fee of \$500 for each license sold.

Proposed law dedicates the revenues from the additional fees to the Conservation Fund and requires that the monies shall be used by the department for promotion of the charter boat industry, protection of the fishery, and to provide for administrative costs of the fund. Such fees are to be expended for such purposes through the LA Charter Boat Association.

EXPENDITURES	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Ded./Other	SEE BELOW	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Funds	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	\$0
Annual Total		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

REVENUES	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Ded./Other	\$210,610	\$210,610	\$210,610	\$210,610	\$210,610	\$1,053,050
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Funds	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	\$0
Annual Total	\$210,610	\$210,610	\$210,610	\$210,610	\$210,610	\$1,053,050

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

The proposed legislation will result in an increase in programming costs of approximately \$4,500 in FY 14 to add this feature to the electronic licensing system. The department's existing vendor currently charges approximately \$90 per hour for programming and the department estimates approximately 50 hours of work is necessary to make these changes. To the extent that numerous pieces of legislation are enacted requiring programming changes, the department may require additional resources.

The revenue generated by the increase in fees would be passed through to the Louisiana Charter Boat Association.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

The proposed legislation would increase revenues to the Conservation Fund by approximately \$210,000 annually. The proposed legislation increases the annual fee for a charter passenger fishing trip license by \$5 and nonresident charter boat guide license by \$500. Based on a three year average, the estimated revenue increase for the charter passenger fishing trip license would be \$175,110 and for the nonresident charter passenger boat guide license would be \$35,500.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S&H} | | <input type="checkbox"/> 6.8(F) >= \$500,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S} |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S&H} | | <input type="checkbox"/> 6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S} |

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