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**HOUSE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS**

Substitute for Original House Bill No. 140 by Representative Montoucet as proposed by the House Committee on Natural Resources and Environment

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To enact R.S. 56:643(C), relative to issuance of hunting and fishing licenses; to provide for a reduced fee for certain retired members of the U.S. Armed Forces; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 56:643(C) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§643. Exemption of persons under age sixteen and certain military personnel from licensing requirements; active duty ~~servicemembers~~ service members, their spouses, and their children; retired members of the armed services

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C. Upon application to the department and showing identification and proof of military service satisfactory to the department, any person who is a retired member of the United States Armed Forces, the Louisiana Army National Guard, or the Louisiana Air National Guard and was either born in Louisiana or is a bona fide resident of Louisiana, shall be issued a retired military hunting and fishing license. A fee of five dollars shall be charged for this license, and the license shall be available from June first of each calendar year and shall be valid from the date of purchase through the following June thirtieth. This license shall be in lieu of basic hunting, big game, bow, primitive firearms, and waterfowl licenses, turkey hunting stamps, WMA hunting permits, and the basic and saltwater fishing licenses and must be in the possession of the licensee when the licensee is engaged in hunting or fishing activities. Possession of this license shall also authorize the license holder to use a crossbow or a bow that is drawn, held, and

released by mechanical means. Magnified scopes may be used with crossbows.

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DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Authorizes the issuance of hunting and fishing licenses for a reduced fee to certain retired members of the military.

Present law provides for certain fees to be charged for various hunting and fishing licenses.

Proposed law would allow issuance of a retired military hunting and fishing license a person who is a retired member of the United States Armed Forces, the La. Army National Guard, or the La. Air National Guard and was either born in Louisiana or is a bona fide Louisiana resident. The fee for the license is \$5 and it would be in lieu of basic hunting, big game, bow, primitive firearms, and waterfowl licenses, turkey hunting stamps, WMA hunting permits, and the basic and saltwater fishing licenses. The license also authorizes the use a crossbow or a bow that is drawn, held, and released by mechanical means and magnified scopes may be used with crossbows.

(R.S. 56:643(C))