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Proposed Amd.:

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Provides relative to fees for hunting and fishing licenses paid by surviving spouses of members of the military killed in action

Proposed law provides that any resident of Louisiana who is the surviving spouse of a member of the U.S. Armed Forces, the Louisiana Army National Guard, or the Louisiana Air National Guard who was killed while in action in a combat zone shall be issued all hunting licenses and permits for a total fee of \$2.50 and recreational and saltwater fishing license for a total fee of \$2.50.

EXPENDITURES	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	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>	<u>\$0</u>
Annual Total		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

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Ded./Other	DECREASE	DECREASE	DECREASE	DECREASE	DECREASE	
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>	<u>\$0</u>
Annual Total						

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

The proposed legislation will result in a one-time increase in programming costs of approximately \$3,600 in FY 15 to adjust the fees in the electronic licensing system. The department's existing vendor currently charges approximately \$90 per hour for programming and the department estimates approximately 40 hours of work is necessary to make these changes (40 hours x \$90 = \$3,600). The Legislative Fiscal Office believes that any additional IT work associated with this legislation will be incremental in nature, and that the department can potentially accomplish these tasks utilizing existing resources and budget authority. To the extent that numerous pieces of legislation are enacted that require additional programming efforts, the department may require additional resources.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

The proposed legislation would have a negative impact on Conservation Fund revenues due to the possible decrease of hunting licenses, recreational and saltwater fishing license fees. The impact is indeterminable at this time because statistics on the number of surviving spouses of members of the military killed while in action in a combat zone is not tracked. In addition, the number of these people who currently purchase hunting and fishing licenses, is not tracked. The current fees for the various licenses that would be impacted by the proposed legislation are \$5 to \$15. Currently, any Louisiana resident over the age of 60 can purchase a Senior Hunting/Fishing License for \$5, which encompasses all hunting and fishing privileges. If a Louisiana resident under the age of 60 who is the surviving spouse of members of the military killed while in action in a combat zone purchases all hunting and fishing licenses at the current rate the cost would be \$91, as opposed to the rate of \$2.50 in proposed law.

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| <u>Senate</u> | <u>Dual Referral Rules</u> | <u>House</u> | <input type="checkbox"/> 6.8(F)(1) >= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S} |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S&H} | | | <input type="checkbox"/> 6.8(F)(2) >= \$500,000 State Rev. Reduc. {H & 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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