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Fiscal Note



Fiscal Note On: **HB 1072** HLS 14RS 2086

Bill Text Version: **ENGROSSED**

Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.: **HB 140**

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Subject: Louisiana residents who retired from U.S. Armed Forces		

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Provides for reduced hunting and fishing license fees for certain retired members of the U.S. Armed Forces

Proposed law would allow issuance of a retired military hunting and fishing license to a 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 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.

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

REVENUES	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	5 -YEAR TOTAL
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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 how many licenses issued to retired military recipients is not tracked. In addition, the number of retired military recipients born in Louisiana, 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 has been honorably discharged purchases all hunting and fishing licenses at the current rate the cost would be \$91, as opposed to the rate of \$5 in proposed law.

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| <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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