

2015 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 254

BY SENATOR CROWE

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

WILDLIFE/FISHERIES DEPT. Authorizes an alternative for identification for the purchase of a resident fishing and hunting license. (8/1/15)

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 56:8(16)(a)(ii), 104(A)(1)(a), and 302.4(D), relative to resident fishing and hunting licenses; to authorize the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to accept alternative forms of identification from residents purchasing a fishing or hunting license; to provide for the promulgation of rules for the issuance of alternative forms of identification; to provide, terms, conditions, and requirements; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 56:8(16)(a)(ii), 104(A)(1)(a), and 302.4(D) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§8. Definitions

For purposes of this Chapter, the following words and phrases have the meaning ascribed to them in this Section, unless the context clearly shows a different meaning:

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(16)(a) Except as specified in Subparagraph (b) of this Paragraph, "bona fide resident" means any person who is a United States citizen or resident alien and has

1 §302.4. Recreational fishing licenses: license year; purchase period

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3 D. A license may be issued to a bona fide resident upon presentation of a
4 Louisiana driver's license, ~~or~~ a special identification card issued by the Department
5 of Public Safety and Corrections under the provisions of R.S. 40:1321, **or an**
6 **alternative form of identification that meets the requirements of rules and**
7 **regulations promulgated and adopted by the commission in accordance with the**
8 **Administrative Procedure Act.**

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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by McHenry Lee.

DIGEST

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Present law provides for the definition of a "bona fide resident".

Proposed law adds an alternative form of identification to the list of items used to establish legal domicile for purposes of satisfying the definition of a "bona fide resident".

Present law requires that a resident who is 16 years of age or older must present either a La. driver's license or a special identification card issued by the Dept. of Safety and Corrections to receive a basic hunting license.

Present law provides for the issuance of a fishing license to a bona fide resident upon presentation of either a La. driver's license or special identification card issued by the Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections to receive a fishing license.

Proposed law authorizes the commission to promulgate rules to allow residents to present alternative forms of identification to receive a resident fishing or hunting license.

Effective August 1, 2015.

(Amends R.S. 56:8(16)(a)(ii), 104(A)(1)(a), 302.4(D))