

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL OFFICE
Fiscal Note



Fiscal Note On: **HB 140** HLS 14RS 188

Bill Text Version: **ORIGINAL**

Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.:

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

WILDLIFE & FISHERIES OR DECREASE RV See Note Page 1 of 1
Provides for reduced hunting and fishing license fees for Louisiana residents who are retired from the U.S. Armed Forces

Proposed law would allow issuance of hunting and fishing licenses at no charge to any person who was born in Louisiana and who possesses a valid Louisiana birth certificate and who is retired from the United States Armed Forces, the Louisiana National Guard, or the Louisiana Air National Guard.

| 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 | DECREASE | DECREASE | DECREASE | DECREASE | DECREASE | |
| 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.

In addition, the department would lose federal funds by an indeterminable amount from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service as these allocations are based on the number of license holders where revenue is generated. To qualify for federal assistance, a license must generate at least \$1 after overhead. These licenses would not qualify the department to receive the federal allocation, which is approximately \$16 per license.

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