

Regular Session, 2010

SENATE BILL NO. 336

BY SENATOR MARIONNEAUX

FEES/LICENSES/PERMITS. Exempts certain military personnel from paying noncommercial hunting and fishing license fees. (7/1/10)

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 56:104(B), 302.2(B) and 643(B)(2)(a), relative to exemptions  
3 for noncommercial hunting and fishing license fees; to provide an exemption for  
4 certain military personnel from paying noncommercial hunting and fishing license  
5 fees; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 56:104(B), 302.2(B) and 643(B)(2)(a) are hereby amended and  
8 reenacted to read as follows:

9 §104. License fees; reciprocity; exceptions

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11 ~~B.(2) Veterans of the armed forces or of the Louisiana Army National Guard~~  
12 ~~or Louisiana Air National Guard having a permanent service connected disability~~  
13 ~~classification of fifty percent or more and who are Louisiana residents or resident~~  
14 **(1) Resident** persons who are blind, paraplegic, or multiple amputees shall, upon  
15 identification and proof of disability satisfactory to the department, be issued  
16 licenses which will also include a WMA hunting permit without the payment of any  
17 fees therefor.

1           ~~(4)~~ **(2)** Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, in order  
2 to hunt or fish in the state of Louisiana, a resident of this state who turns sixty years  
3 of age on or after June 1, 2000, shall be required to obtain a senior hunting and  
4 fishing license. However, any resident who turned sixty years of age prior to June 1,  
5 2000, may choose to purchase a senior hunting and fishing license. A fee of five  
6 dollars shall be charged for this license, and the license shall be available from June  
7 first of each calendar year and shall be valid from the date of purchase through the  
8 following June thirtieth. This license shall be in lieu of basic hunting, big game, bow,  
9 primitive firearms, and waterfowl licenses, turkey hunting stamps, WMA hunting  
10 permits, and the basic and saltwater fishing licenses and must be in the possession  
11 of the licensee when the licensee is engaged in hunting or fishing activities.  
12 Possession of this license shall authorize the licenseholder to use a crossbow or a  
13 bow that is drawn, held, and released by mechanical means. Magnified scopes may  
14 be used with crossbows.

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16 §302.2. Exception for certain residents, nonresidents, and military personnel from  
17 purchase or possession of basic recreational and saltwater license

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19 B. ~~The following recreational fishermen, upon identification and proof of~~  
20 ~~disability satisfactory to the department, shall be issued a basic recreational fishing~~  
21 ~~license and saltwater license without payment of any fees:~~

22 ~~(1) A resident who is a veteran of the armed forces, the Louisiana Army~~  
23 ~~National Guard, or the Louisiana Air National Guard, having a permanent service~~  
24 ~~connected disability classification of fifty percent or more;~~

25 ~~(2) A resident who is blind, paraplegic, or is a single or multiple amputee, or~~  
26 ~~is required to use one or more artificial limbs or permanent braces for mobility as a~~  
27 ~~result of a permanent and total disability, **upon identification and proof of**~~  
28 ~~**disability satisfactory to the department, shall be issued a basic recreational**~~  
29 ~~**fishing license and saltwater license without payment of any fees.**~~

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§643. Exemption of persons under age sixteen and certain military personnel from licensing requirements; active duty servicemembers, their spouses, and their children

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(2)(a) Any Louisiana resident who submits proof of his status as an active member in good standing of the Louisiana National Guard or any reserve component of the United States armed forces, though not currently on active duty, shall, upon request, **that he is a current or past member of any one of the armed forces of the United States or a reserve component, including the National Guard, shall** be issued a resident Louisiana National Guard **Armed Services** license for a fee of fifty dollars **without payment of any fees**. 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. The license must be in the possession of the licensee when the licensee is engaged in hunting or fishing activities. The resident shall carry proof of his status as a **current or past** member of the Louisiana National Guard or any reserve component of the United States armed forces **any one of the armed forces of the United States or a reserve component, including the National Guard,** and his resident Louisiana National Guard **Armed Services** license on his person at all times when he is engaged in hunting and fishing activities. The resident Louisiana National Guard **Armed Services** license shall be valid from June first through June thirtieth of the following year **for the lifetime of the resident.**

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Section 2. This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2010.

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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by J. W. Wiley.

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#### DIGEST

Present law provides that veterans of the armed forces or of the Louisiana Army National Guard or Louisiana Air National Guard having a permanent service connected disability classification of 50% or more and who are Louisiana residents or resident persons who are blind, paraplegic, or multiple amputees will, upon identification and proof of disability satisfactory to the department, be issued hunting licenses which will also include a WMA hunting permit without the payment of any fees.

Present law provides that a resident who is a veteran of the armed forces, the Louisiana Army National Guard, or the Louisiana Air National Guard, having a permanent service connected disability classification of 50% or more, upon identification and proof of disability satisfactory to the department, will be issued a basic recreational fishing license and saltwater license without payment of any fees.

Present law provides that a Louisiana resident who is an active member in good standing of the Louisiana National Guard or any reserve component of the United States armed forces, though not currently on active duty, may be issued a resident Louisiana National Guard license for a fee of \$50.00.

Present law provides that this license will 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. Present law requires the license to be in the possession of the licensee when the licensee is engaged in hunting or fishing activities.

Present law requires the resident to carry proof of his status as a member of the Louisiana National Guard or any reserve component of the United States armed forces and his resident Louisiana National Guard license on his person at all times when he is engaged in hunting and fishing activities. Present law provides that the resident Louisiana National Guard license will be valid from June 1st through June 30th of the following year.

Proposed law provides that any Louisiana resident who submits proof that he is a current or past member of any one of the armed forces of the United States or a reserve component, including the National Guard, shall be issued a resident Louisiana Armed Services license without payment of any fees.

Proposed law retains present law that provides that the license will 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. Further retains present law that requires possession of the license by the licensee when the licensee is engaged in hunting or fishing activities.

Proposed law requires the resident to carry proof of his status as a current or past member of any one of the armed forces of the United States or a reserve component, including the National Guard, and his resident Louisiana Armed Services license on his person at all times when he is engaged in hunting and fishing activities.

Proposed law provides that the resident Louisiana Armed Services license shall be valid for the lifetime of the resident.

Effective July 1, 2010.

(Amends R.S. 56:104(B), 302.2(B) and 643(B)(2)(a))