

Regular Session, 2010

SENATE BILL NO. 629

BY SENATOR MCPHERSON

WILDLIFE/FISHERIES DEPT. Removes reciprocity provision allowing nonresident full-time students to purchase hunting and fishing licenses at resident rates. (8/15/10)

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AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 56:104(A)(9) and 302.1(H), relative to nonresident hunting and fishing licenses; to remove reciprocity provisions regarding the purchase of hunting and fishing licenses; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 56:104(A)(9) and 302.1(H) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§104. License fees; reciprocity; exceptions

A. No license shall be issued under this Part unless there has been previously paid a fee or fees as hereinafter set forth:

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(9) Any person who is not a resident of the state of Louisiana but who is a full-time student enrolled in an accredited college or university that has a physical campus in the state of Louisiana may purchase a nonresident basic hunting license for the cost of a resident hunting license as provided in Paragraph (1) of this Subsection. Any licenses or permits which may be required in addition to the basic hunting license, such as a big game license or a duck license or a turkey license, may

1 also be purchased for the cost of the equivalent resident license or permit. ~~The~~
 2 ~~provisions of this Paragraph shall apply only to those students who are residents of~~
 3 ~~a state that provides to Louisiana residents who are full-time students attending an~~
 4 ~~accredited college or university in that state the same option to purchase a license at~~
 5 ~~a resident fee.~~ In order to purchase a license under the provisions of this Paragraph,
 6 the person shall provide to the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries verification of
 7 his full-time status. Such verification may be provided through the mail. Any person
 8 hunting under a license issued pursuant to this Paragraph shall also have on his
 9 person his student identification card which indicates current full-time status.

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11 §302.1. Annual license; temporary license; fees; saltwater fee; exemptions

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13 H. Any person who is not a resident of the state of Louisiana but who is a
 14 full-time student enrolled in an accredited college or university that has a physical
 15 campus in the state of Louisiana may purchase a nonresident basic fishing license for
 16 the cost of a resident fishing license as provided in this Section. In addition, a
 17 saltwater fishing license may also be purchased for the cost of a resident saltwater
 18 license. ~~The provisions of this Subsection shall apply only to those students who are~~
 19 ~~residents of a state that provides to Louisiana residents who are full-time students~~
 20 ~~attending an accredited college or university in that state the same option to purchase~~
 21 ~~a license at a resident fee.~~ In order to purchase a license under the provisions of this
 22 Subsection, the person shall provide to the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
 23 verification of his full-time status. Such verification may be provided through the
 24 mail. Any person fishing under a license issued pursuant to this Subsection shall also
 25 have on his person his student identification card which indicates current full-time
 26 status.

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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Michelle Broussard-Johnson.

DIGEST

McPherson (SB 629)

Present law allows a nonresident full-time student enrolled in an accredited college or university in Louisiana to purchase a hunting and fishing license at a resident rate. Further provides that those students must be residents of a state that provides Louisiana residents who are full-time students attending an accredited college or university the same option to purchase a license at a resident rate.

Proposed law retains present law but removes the reciprocity provision that other states must offer Louisiana students attending an out-of-state college or university the option to purchase a hunting and fishing license at resident rates.

Effective August 15, 2010.

(Amends R.S. 56:104(A)(9) and 302.1(H))