

**LEGISLATIVE FISCAL OFFICE**  
**Fiscal Note**



Fiscal Note On: **SB 336** SLS 10RS 71  
 Bill Text Version: **ENGROSSED**  
 Opp. Chamb. Action:  
 Proposed Amd.:  
 Sub. Bill For.:

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<b>Subject:</b> Military personnel license fees	

FEES/LICENSES/PERMITS EG DECREASE RV See Note Page 1 of 1  
 Exempts certain military personnel from paying noncommercial hunting and fishing license fees. (7/1/10)

Present law provides that a resident who is a veteran of the armed forces, the LA Army National Guard, or the LA Air National Guard, having a permanent service connected disability classification of 50% or more, be issued a basic recreational fishing license and saltwater license without payment of any fees. Any active member in good standing though not currently on active duty, may be issued a resident license for a fee of \$50.

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 U.S. or a reserve component, including the National Guard, shall be issued a resident LA Armed Services license without payment of any fees. The resident Louisiana Armed Services license shall be valid for the lifetime of the resident. Effective July 1, 2010.

<b>EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>2010-11</b>	<b>2011-12</b>	<b>2012-13</b>	<b>2013-14</b>	<b>2014-15</b>	<b>5 -YEAR TOTAL</b>
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Local Funds	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Annual Total</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>REVENUES</b>	<b>2010-11</b>	<b>2011-12</b>	<b>2012-13</b>	<b>2013-14</b>	<b>2014-15</b>	<b>5 -YEAR TOTAL</b>
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Ded./Other	DECREASE	DECREASE	DECREASE	DECREASE	DECREASE	
Federal Funds	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	
Local Funds	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<b>\$0</b>
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**EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION**

There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental expenditures as a result of this measure.

**REVENUE EXPLANATION**

Currently, residents who are active members of the Louisiana National Guard or any reserve component of the U.S. armed forces are eligible for a Louisiana National Guard License at \$50 per year. All resident and nonresident active military are eligible for licenses at resident rates.

Under the proposed legislation, residents who are current (active) or past (veteran) of armed forces or reserve component or member of the Louisiana National Guard are eligible for licenses at no charge.

Based on FY 09 license sales, the department received \$2,650 for Louisiana National Guard licenses and \$101,324 for Active Military licenses. At a minimum, the impact on revenues to the Conservation Fund would be a loss of fees listed. The current provision does not cover veterans of the armed forces, and the inclusion of this group would result in a further loss of revenues. This impact is indeterminable at this time due to a lack of data on veterans who currently purchase regular licenses.

In addition, the department would lose federal funds from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service as these allocations are based on the number of license holders where revenue is generated. None of these licenses would be counted towards the federal allocation; therefore, the department has indicated that \$51,086 would eventually be lost on an annual basis. The department has indicated the federal monies are likely not to be affected in the first couple years.

Senate Dual Referral Rules

13.5.1 >= \$500,000 Annual Fiscal Cost

13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change

House

6.8(F) >= \$500,000 Annual Fiscal Cost

6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease

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