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**Fiscal Note**



Fiscal Note On: **HB 4** HLS 18RS 267

Bill Text Version: **REENGROSSED**

Opp. Chamb. Action: **w/ HSE FLOOR AMD**

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.:

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<b>Subject:</b> Saltwater Fishing License		

FISHING/RECREATIONAL REF INCREASE SD RV See Note Page 1 of 1  
 Extends the additional saltwater fishing fee dedicated to the LACREEL program

Present law requires payment of a \$5.50 fee for a saltwater fishing license for residents and \$30 for nonresidents. It further requires that from June 1, 2014 through May 31, 2018, an additional fee of \$7.50 be paid for each resident saltwater fishing license issued and dedicates revenue from the additional fee to the Saltwater Fish Research and Conservation Fund which is used solely for the administration and oversight of the Louisiana Recreational Creel Survey (LaCREEL) and the Recreational Offshore Landing (ROLP) program. Proposed law extends the applicability date for the additional fee from May 31, 2018 to May 31, 2022. Proposed law authorizes the commission to increase the additional fee to an amount not to exceed \$9.50. If the fee is increased, the additional \$2 fee shall be used for the administration and oversight of the saltwater fish stock estimate. Proposed law allows for up to \$2 M to be used from the Artificial Reef Development Fund for the administration and oversight of the saltwater fish stock estimate. Proposed law further requires the department to make an annual report to the Senate Committee on Natural Resources and the House Committee on Natural Resources and Environment on the progress and effectiveness of LaCREEL and the saltwater fish stock estimate. Effective upon governor's signature.

<b>EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>2018-19</b>	<b>2019-20</b>	<b>2020-21</b>	<b>2021-22</b>	<b>2022-23</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>

  

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<b>Annual Total</b>					<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION**

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

**REVENUE EXPLANATION**

There will be an increase in revenues to the statutorily dedicated Saltwater Fish Research and Conservation Fund as a result of the proposed legislation. The department began collecting the additional \$7.50 fee on August 1, 2014, and as a result the additional fee generated \$1,280,202 in FY 15 and averaged collections of \$1,786,909 over FY 16 and FY 17.

To the extent, the commission authorizes the maximum fee of \$9.50 to be levied, the additional fee of \$2 is anticipated to generate an additional \$476 K annually based on an average of 238,255 individuals purchasing this license over the past two years.

Senate Dual Referral Rules  
 13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S&H}  
 13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S&H}

House  
 6.8(F)(1) >= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S}  
 6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S}

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