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HOUSE BILL NO. 86

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Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

WILDLIFE & FISHERIES: Includes in the definition of "bona fide resident" honorably discharged veterans of the United States armed forces

AN ACT

2	To amend and reenact R.S. 56:8(16)(b), relative to hunting and recreational fishing licenses;
3	to provide that honorably discharged veterans of the armed forces of the United
4	States qualify as "bona fide residents" for purchase of such licenses; and to provide
5	for related matters.
6	Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
7	Section 1. R.S. 56:8(16)(b) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:
8	§8. Definitions
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10	(16)
11	* * *
12	(b) For purchase of a license for hunting or recreational fishing activities
13	where such license does not authorize any commercial activity, "bona fide resident"
14	means the following:
15	(i) Any any person who is a United States citizen or resident alien and has
16	resided in this state continuously during the six months immediately prior to the date
17	on which he applies for any such license and who has manifested his intent to remain
18	in this state by establishing Louisiana as his legal domicile, as demonstrated by
19	compliance with Items (a)(i) through (iv) of this Paragraph.

CODING: Words in struck through type are deletions from existing law; words <u>underscored</u> are additions.

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(ii) Any person who served in and was honorably discharged from the armed forces of the United States or a reserve component of the armed forces of the United States, including the National Guard, and who, if licensed to drive a motor vehicle, is in possession of a Louisiana driver's license, or, if not licensed to drive, is in possession of a special identification card issued by the Department of Public Safety and Corrections under the provisions of R.S. 40:1321.

## **DIGEST**

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**Abstract:** Provides that honorably discharged veterans of the U.S. armed forces qualify as "bona fide residents" for purposes of purchase of hunting and recreational fishing licenses.

<u>Present law</u> defines "bona fide resident" when purchasing a license for hunting or recreational fishing activities where such license does not authorize any commercial activity to mean a person who is a U.S. citizen or resident alien and has resided in this state continuously during the six months immediately prior to the date on which he applies for any such license, and who has manifested his intent to remain in this state by establishing La. as his legal domicile. Requires certain documentation of their intent to establish La. as their legal domicile.

<u>Proposed law</u> includes under the definition of "bona fide resident" for these purposes any person who served in and was honorably discharged from the U.S. armed forces or a reserve component of the U.S. armed forces, including the National Guard, and who possesses a La. driver's license or a special identification card issued by the Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections in lieu of a driver's license.

(Amends R.S. 56:8(16)(b))