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SENATE BILL NO. 162

BY SENATOR HENSGENS

WILDLIFE/FISHERIES DEPT. Authorizes the acceptance of alternative proof of residency for certain applicants for hunting. (8/1/20)

1	AN ACT
2	To amend and reenact R.S. 56:8(16)(a)(ii) and (b)(i), and to enact R.S. 56:8(16)(a)(v),
3	relative to the definition of bona fide resident; to provide for alternative forms of
4	proof of residency; and to provide for related matters.
5	Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
6	Section 1. R.S. 56:8(16)(a)(ii) and (b)(i) are hereby amended and reenacted and R.S.
7	56:8(16)(a)(v) is hereby enacted to read as follows:
8	§8. Definitions
9	For purposes of this Chapter, the following words and phrases have the
10	meaning ascribed to them in this Section, unless the context clearly shows a different
11	meaning:
12	* * *
13	(16)(a) Except as specified in Subparagraph (b) of this Paragraph, "bona fide
14	resident" means any person who is a United States citizen or resident alien and has
15	resided in this state continuously during the twelve months immediately prior to the
16	date on which he applies for any license and who has manifested his intent to remain

in this state by establishing Louisiana as his legal domicile, as demonstrated by

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1 compliance with all of the following, as applicable: 2 3 (ii) If licensed to drive a motor vehicle, he is in possession of a Louisiana driver's license, or, if over the age of fifteen years and not licensed to drive, he is in 4 5 possession of a special identification card issued by the Department of Public Safety and Corrections under the provisions of R.S. 40:1321 an alternative form of proof 6 7 of residency that the department deems acceptable. 8 9 (v) If a minor who cannot otherwise demonstrate legal domicile by other 10 methods established in this paragraph, he is in possession of an alternative form 11 of proof of residency that the department deems acceptable. (b) For purchase of a license for hunting or recreational fishing activities 12 13 where such license does not authorize any commercial activity, "bona fide resident" 14 means the following: (i) Any person who is a United States citizen or resident alien and has 15 16 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 17 in this state by establishing Louisiana as his legal domicile, as demonstrated by 18 19 compliance with Items (a)(i) through (iv) (v) of this Paragraph. 20 The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Tyler S. McCloud.

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<u>Present law</u> requires anyone over the age of 15 years not licensed to drive to present a special identification card issued by the Department of Public Safety and Corrections as proof of residency in order to obtain any license.

<u>Proposed law</u> requires anyone not licensed to drive to present any form of identification that the Dept. of Wildlife and Fisheries deems acceptable as proof of residency in order to obtain any license.

Proposed law further allows minors who cannot otherwise demonstrate legal domicile by

other methods established in <u>present law</u> to present any form of identification that the Dept. of Wildlife and Fisheries deems acceptable as proof of residency in order to obtain any license.

Effective August 1, 2020.

(Amends R.S. 56:8(16)(a)(ii), and (b)(i); adds R.S. 56:8(16)(a)(v))