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Fiscal Note



Fiscal Note On: **SB 69** SLS 25RS 212

Bill Text Version: **ENGROSSED**

Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.:

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Subject: Hunting and Fishing Licenses	

HUNTERS/HUNTING EG -\$1,302,912 SD RV See Note
Provides for hunting and fishing licenses. (8/1/25)

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Proposed law adds honorably discharged veterans to the retired military category of combination licenses that can be purchased for \$20. Proposed law clarifies that donations received by the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF) for the benefit of disabled veterans can be used to purchase their license or a commemorative durable hard card containing license information. Proposed law outlines the documentation required to prove eligibility to qualify as an honorably discharged veteran.

EXPENDITURES	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Ded./Other	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Annual Total						
REVENUES	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Ded./Other	(\$1,302,912)	(\$1,302,912)	(\$1,302,912)	(\$1,302,912)	(\$1,302,912)	(\$6,514,560)
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Annual Total	(\$1,302,912)	(\$1,302,912)	(\$1,302,912)	(\$1,302,912)	(\$1,302,912)	(\$6,514,560)

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental expenditures as a result of this measure. However, Act 449 of the 2024 RS requires LDWF to maintain an accounting of lost revenue from the sale of discounted or free hunting licenses, and shall include the amount of lost revenue in its annual budget request. Though the proposed law does not lead to a change in the overall expenditure amount, if the proposed law results in a revenue decrease (See revenue explanation below), expenditures out of the Conservation Fund may decrease and, subject to appropriation by the legislature, SGF expenditures may increase.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

Proposed law will likely result in a decrease in revenue collections deposited into the Conservation Fund. The proposed law would allow honorably discharged veterans to purchase a combination hunting and fishing license for \$20, which is a reduction from \$100.

Currently, there are 261,000 veterans in Louisiana, and it is estimated that 78% of veterans have been honorably discharged. Proposed law would reduce collections on hunting and fishing licenses for honorably discharged veterans by \$80 per individual. The department believes approximately 8% or 16,286 honorably discharged veterans will purchase a combination license resulting in lost revenue for the Conservation Fund of \$1,302,912 (\$80 X 16,286).

For illustrative purposes, if the proposed law changes market behavior and 10% of veterans purchased licenses, the annual lost revenue for the Conservation Fund would be \$1,628,640. If the proposed law changes market behavior and 20% of veterans purchased licenses, the annual lost revenue for the Conservation Fund would be \$3,257,280.

Senate
 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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