

SENATE BILL NO. 69

BY SENATORS MYERS, ABRAHAM, BARROW, BOUDREAUX, JACKSON-ANDREWS, JENKINS, KLEINPETER, MCMATH, MIGUEZ, MILLER, MIZELL, SELTERS, STINE AND TALBOT AND REPRESENTATIVES CHASSION AND KNOX

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 56:645(B), 3000(G), and 3004(A)(2) and to enact R.S. 56:645(C), relative to hunting and fishing licenses; to provide for the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Foundation Escrow Account; to provide for combination hunting and fishing licenses; to provide for eligibility; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 56:645(B), 3000(G), and 3004(A)(2) are hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 56:645(C) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§645. Fishing and hunting license checkoff; donation for veterans with disabilities

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B. There is hereby created within the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries a special escrow account known as the "Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Foundation Escrow Account". The escrow account is created to receive deposits of donations made for the benefit of disabled veterans when an individual purchases a fishing and hunting license. ~~The monies in the account shall be used solely to purchase hunting and fishing licenses for disabled veterans.~~ No more than ten percent of the monies in the account shall be used for administrative costs. All unexpended and unencumbered monies in this account at the end of the fiscal year shall remain in the account. The monies in the account shall be invested by the state treasurer in the same manner as monies in the state general fund.

C. The monies in the account shall be used solely to purchase hunting and fishing licenses for disabled veterans, including the purchase of a commemorative durable hard card containing such licensing information.

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§3000. Recreational license requirements; definitions

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G. ~~A person may~~ The following seniors and retired or honorably discharged members of the United States Armed Forces qualify for a Senior/Retired Military/Honorably Discharged Veteran Hunting and Fishing license ~~as follows~~:

(1) Seniors:

(a) A resident who reaches age sixty prior to June 1, 2000, may obtain an annual license for no cost.

~~(2)~~(b) A resident who reaches age sixty between June 1, 2000, and May 31, 2022, may obtain an annual license for the cost of five dollars.

~~(3)~~(c) A resident who reaches age sixty-five on or after June 1, 2027, may obtain an annual license for the cost of twenty dollars.

~~(4) Upon application to the department and showing identification and proof of military service satisfactory to the department, any~~ (2) Retired or honorably discharged members of the United States Armed Forces:

(a) Any person who is a retired member of the United States Armed Forces, including the Louisiana Army National Guard or the Louisiana Air National Guard, and was either born in Louisiana or is a bona fide resident of Louisiana, ~~may obtain an annual license for the cost of twenty dollars.~~

(b) Any bona fide resident who is a honorably discharged member of the United States Armed Forces, including the Louisiana Army National Guard or the Louisiana Air National Guard.

(c) The applicant must provide identification and proof of eligibility satisfactory to the department. In addition to any other documentation accepted by the department as satisfactory proof of military service, government-issued separation and discharge documentation, such as a DD-214 or NGB-22, shall be considered satisfactory proof of eligibility pursuant to this Paragraph.

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§3004. Combination licenses (includes all hunting, fishing, and WMA access

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privileges); fees

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A. Resident licenses:

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(2) Senior/Retired Military/**Honorably Discharged Veteran** \$20.00/year

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____