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Fiscal Note



Fiscal Note On: **HB 728** HLS 20RS 1122

Bill Text Version: **ORIGINAL**

Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.:

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Subject: Wild Louisiana Guide License	

WILDLIFE/MGT AREAS OR INCREASE SD RV See Note Page 1 of 1
Relative to the Wild Louisiana Guide License

Revises R.S. 56:1833 by eliminating the requirement that a licensed Wild Louisiana guide pay a client fee of \$2.00 per trip for each person accompanying the guide. Increases the fee that may be assessed for a Wild Louisiana Guide License not to exceed \$2,500 annually. Persons possessing this license (and their clients) will not be required to possess a Wild Louisiana Stamp, hunting, or fishing license.

Effective upon Governor's signature.

EXPENDITURES	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Funds	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	\$0
Annual Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

REVENUES	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	5 -YEAR TOTAL
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Local Funds	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	\$0
Annual Total						

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental expenditures as a result of this measure. LDWF will promulgate rules and regulations for this new license; however, those duties will be absorbed with existing personnel. Enforcement of this license will be absorbed by existing LDWF agents and departmental resources.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

There will be an indeterminable increase in revenues to the statutorily dedicated Conservation Fund within LDWF. The Wild Louisiana Guide License will allow tour boat operators to run their commercial operations on Wildlife Management Areas (WMAs). LDWF cannot identify the number of Wild Louisiana Guide Licenses that may be sold each year. LDWF will experience a loss in revenue due to the elimination of the daily charges; however, this revenue loss will likely be offset with revenue from implementation of the new higher priced guide license.

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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