RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

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<u>Existing law</u> establishes the Lifetime License Endowment Program within the Dept. of Wildlife and Fisheries, which provides for the issuance of lifetime hunting and fishing licenses, fees for lifetime licenses, and a trust fund for the deposit of fees collected from the sale of such licenses.

<u>Existing law</u> authorizes the department to issue lifetime hunting and fishing licenses to residents and nonresidents.

<u>Prior law</u> also authorized the department to issue lifetime licenses for children under 5 years old who were born in Louisiana, but provided that this license could only be issued prior to June 1, 2022.

New law removes the obsolete infant license provided for in <u>prior law</u>.

<u>New law</u> creates a new infant lifetime license for both resident and nonresident children under 3 years old which must be made available by the department starting Jan. 1, 2025 and sets the fees at \$500 for resident infants and \$1,000 for nonresident infants.

<u>Prior law</u> established a fee schedule for all available lifetime licenses, with distinct fees for the following categories:

- (1) Residents (\$500)
- (2) Resident youth (\$500)
- (3) Resident seniors (\$100)
- (4) Nonresidents (\$4,000)

<u>New law</u> removes from the fee for resident youth and adds categories for resident and nonresident infants to the fee schedule. <u>New law</u> provides distinct fees for the following categories:

- (1) Resident infant (\$500)
- (2) Resident adult (\$500)
- (3) Resident seniors (\$100)
- (4) Nonresident infant (\$1,000)
- (5) Nonresident adult (\$4,000)

Effective August 1, 2024.

(Amends R.S. 56:649.7 and 3005)