

Regular Session, 2011

HOUSE BILL NO. 290

BY REPRESENTATIVE HENRY BURNS

WILDLIFE/FEES: Repeals the Wild Louisiana Stamp

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 56:10(B)(6)(a), 109(D)(1) through (4), 641(A), and 642(A) and  
3 (B) and to repeal R.S. 56:1832 and 1833, relative to the Wild Louisiana Stamp; to  
4 repeal the requirement for purchase of the stamp; to repeal references to the stamp;  
5 and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 56:10(B)(6)(a), 109(D)(1) through (4), 641(A), and 642(A) and (B)  
8 are hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

9 §10. Annual report to governor; estimate of proposed expenditures; particular funds;  
10 warrants; vouchers; surplus funds

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12 B.

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14 (6)(a) There is hereby created within the Conservation Fund a special  
15 account known as the "natural heritage account" which shall consist of ~~those~~  
16 ~~revenues collected from the sale of "Wild Louisiana" stamps and prints provided for~~  
17 ~~in R.S. 56:1832~~ and those funds donated or allocated for the protection and  
18 stewardship of Louisiana's wild lands and waters to support the functions of the  
19 Louisiana Natural Heritage Program. The revenues shall be subject to the same  
20 requirements as provided for other revenues placed in the Conservation Fund in

1 Paragraph (1) of this Subsection. The funds in this account shall be used solely for  
2 the implementation and administration of Parts I, II, III, and IV of Chapter 8 of this  
3 Title and the natural heritage and nongame programs within the department.

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5 §109. Wildlife management areas; wildlife refuges; public hunting grounds and  
6 recreation areas; notice; signs; disabled hunters

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8 D.(1) ~~On and after July 1, 1993, a Wild Louisiana Stamp,~~ A hunting license;  
9 ~~or fishing license~~ shall be required for use of department administered lands  
10 including wildlife refuges and wildlife management and habitat conservation areas.  
11 Persons under sixteen years of age and sixty years of age or older are exempt from  
12 this requirement. Persons attending official functions of private, ~~non-profit~~  
13 nonprofit, and charitable organizations recognized as tax exempt under the  
14 provisions of the ~~U.S.~~ United States Internal Revenue Code shall be exempt from  
15 this requirement.

16 (2) Persons using department administered lands for commercial purposes  
17 for which the department is paid a royalty or special fee, agents of the state on  
18 official business, and persons or groups using department administered lands for  
19 purposes other than fishing or hunting who receive, for good cause, a letter of permit  
20 from the secretary specifically waiving the ~~Wild Louisiana Stamp,~~ requirement for  
21 possession of a hunting license, shall be exempt.

22 (3) For an initial violation of failing to possess a ~~Wild Louisiana Stamp,~~  
23 ~~fishing license,~~ or hunting license while on department administered lands, as  
24 required by this Subsection, the violator shall immediately obtain a required ~~stamp~~  
25 ~~or~~ license or be required to leave the department administered lands. In such  
26 instance of an initial violation, the violator shall be given directions to the nearest  
27 place where such ~~stamp or~~ license may be purchased. After the initial violation, any  
28 subsequent offenses shall be class one violations as designated in R.S. 56:31. This  
29 Paragraph shall not apply to violations of hunting or fishing without a license.

1 (4) The department shall prominently post and maintain at each entrance to  
2 those lands subject to this Subsection a sign stating that all visitors, except those  
3 exempt by law, must possess a ~~Wild Louisiana Stamp~~, a hunting license, a ~~fishing~~  
4 ~~license~~, or a ~~WMA hunting permit~~ while on those lands.

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6 §641. Hunting, fishing licenses; ~~Wild Louisiana Stamp~~, ~~multi-year~~ multiyear  
7 issuance; fees

8 A. The Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, through its secretary, may, in  
9 addition to the issuance of annual individual hunting and fishing licenses and in  
10 order to facilitate the distribution of sport hunting and fishing licenses as provided  
11 in this Chapter, provide for the issuance of hunting or fishing licenses, ~~or the Wild~~  
12 ~~Louisiana Stamp~~, on a ~~three-year~~ three-year basis, exclusive of any other special  
13 licenses otherwise authorized by law. The license may be issued on an individual  
14 license basis or any license combination presently allowed by law. The fee for such  
15 ~~multi-year~~ multiyear hunting or fishing licenses, ~~or the Wild Louisiana Stamp~~, issued  
16 shall be the same as the sum of the individual hunting or fishing license, ~~or the Wild~~  
17 ~~Louisiana Stamp~~, or the sum of any combination hunting or fishing license as now  
18 or hereafter provided by law multiplied by three. The department shall provide for  
19 computerized mail renewal of all licenses ~~or stamps~~ issued under the provisions of  
20 this Section. The secretary shall promulgate rules and regulations to effectuate the  
21 provisions of this Section.

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23 §642. Credit card or business check purchases

24 A. The department shall adopt rules for the purchase by credit card of  
25 hunting, recreational fishing, and recreational gear licenses, the duck license  
26 provided for in R.S. 56:152, and the combination or universal license provided for  
27 in R.S. 56:646, ~~and the Wild Louisiana Stamp provided for in R.S. 56:1832~~. The  
28 rules shall include the criteria the purchaser and the credit card must meet in order  
29 to qualify for use.

