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SENATE BILL NO. 629

BY SENATOR MCPHERSON

WILDLIFE/FISHERIES DEPT. Removes reciprocity provision allowing nonresident full-time students to purchase hunting and fishing licenses at resident rates. (8/15/10)

AN ACT

2	To amend and reenact R.S. 56:104(A)(9) and 302.1(H), relative to nonresident hunting and
3	fishing licenses; to remove reciprocity provisions regarding the purchase of hunting
4	and fishing licenses; and to provide for related matters.
5	Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
6	Section 1. R.S. 56:104(A)(9) and 302.1(H) are hereby amended and reenacted to
7	read as follows:
8	§104. License fees; reciprocity; exceptions
9	A. No license shall be issued under this Part unless there has been previously
10	paid a fee or fees as hereinafter set forth:
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12	(9) Any person who is not a resident of the state of Louisiana but who is a
13	full-time student enrolled in an accredited college or university that has a physical
14	campus in the state of Louisiana may purchase a nonresident basic hunting license
15	for the cost of a resident hunting license as provided in Paragraph (1) of this
16	Subsection. Any licenses or permits which may be required in addition to the basic
17	hunting license, such as a big game license or a duck license or a turkey license, may

also be purchased for the cost of the equivalent resident license or permit. The provisions of this Paragraph shall apply only to those students who are residents of a state that provides to Louisiana residents who are full-time students attending an accredited college or university in that state the same option to purchase a license at a resident fee. In order to purchase a license under the provisions of this Paragraph, the person shall provide to the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries verification of his full-time status. Such verification may be provided through the mail. Any person hunting under a license issued pursuant to this Paragraph shall also have on his person his student identification card which indicates current full-time status.

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§302.1. Annual license; temporary license; fees; saltwater fee; exemptions

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H. Any person who is not a resident of the state of Louisiana but who is a full-time student enrolled in an accredited college or university that has a physical campus in the state of Louisiana may purchase a nonresident basic fishing license for the cost of a resident fishing license as provided in this Section. In addition, a saltwater fishing license may also be purchased for the cost of a resident saltwater license. The provisions of this Subsection shall apply only to those students who are residents of a state that provides to Louisiana residents who are full-time students attending an accredited college or university in that state the same option to purchase a license at a resident fee. In order to purchase a license under the provisions of this Subsection, the person shall provide to the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries verification of his full-time status. Such verification may be provided through the mail. Any person fishing under a license issued pursuant to this Subsection shall also have on his person his student identification card which indicates current full-time status.

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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Michelle Broussard-Johnson.

DIGEST

McPherson (SB 629)

<u>Present law</u> allows a nonresident full-time student enrolled in an accredited college or university in Louisiana to purchase a hunting and fishing license at a resident rate. Further provides that those students must be residents of a state that provides Louisiana residents who are full-time students attending an accredited college or university the same option to purchase a license at a resident rate.

<u>Proposed law</u> retains <u>present law</u> but removes the reciprocity provision that other states must offer Louisiana students attending an out-of-state college or university the option to purchase a hunting and fishing license at resident rates.

Effective August 15, 2010.

(Amends R.S. 56:104(A)(9) and 302.1(H))