



LOUISIANA WILDLIFE FEDERATION

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SUBJECT: TEMPORARY ISSUANCE OF FEDERAL DUCK STAMP PRIVILEGES

WHEREAS, several states including Louisiana have implemented or are in the process of implementing automated hunting and fishing license issuance systems to electronically issue every other sports license, stamp, or privilege, except the federal migratory bird stamp, and

WHEREAS, legislation has been drafted for introduction in the U. S. Congress which would provide each state the option of devising its own systems to issue, recognize and account for a temporary electronic federal duck stamp privilege, and

WHEREAS, this proposed legislation provides permissive authority for a state to issue temporary federal duck stamp privileges in the same manner as other hunting and fishing licenses by issuance of a temporary confirmation number effective until the actual paper federal duck stamp is received in the mail by the licensee, and

WHEREAS, implementing such a system will provide the public with the convenience of "total one stop shopping" whereby they can purchase all their licences and stamps at one place, including federal duck stamp privileges, and

WHEREAS, the proposed legislation imposes no obligation or mandate on any state to issue temporary federal duck privileges, but instead grants them permissive authority to do so.

THEREFOR BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wildlife Federation urges and requests the Louisiana Congressional Delegation and Governor Foster to support legislation in the U. S. Congress to amend the Federal Migratory Bird Conservation Act (16 U. S. C. A. 715, et seq.) to authorize the states to devise their own systems to issue temporary federal duck stamp privileges that will be recognized as valid by the federal government.

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