

By Representative Littlefield

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to wildlife; amending s.
3 372.57, F.S.; providing for resident and
4 nonresident turkey permits; providing fees;
5 clarifying language with respect to special use
6 permits; increasing to age 64 or older the age
7 to obtain a permanent hunting or fishing
8 license for a certain fee; revising language
9 with respect to a lifetime sportsman's license;
10 revising language with respect to 5-year
11 licenses; reducing a 5-year hunting license
12 fee; amending s. 372.672, F.S.; providing an
13 additional use for funds in the Florida Panther
14 Research and Management Trust Fund; amending s.
15 372.674, F.S.; providing reference to the
16 Florida Panther Research and Management Trust
17 Fund with respect to environmental education;
18 amending s. 372.561, F.S.; providing reference
19 to universal forms; increasing a fee; providing
20 an effective date.

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22 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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24 Section 1. Paragraph (e) of subsection (4) of section
25 372.57, Florida Statutes, is amended, paragraph (f) of said
26 subsection is redesignated as paragraph (g) and amended, and
27 new paragraphs (f) and (h) are added to said subsection, and
28 subsection (7), paragraphs (c) and (d) of subsection (8), and
29 subsections (9), (11), and (14) of said section are amended,
30 to read:
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1 372.57 Licenses and permits; exemptions; fees.--No
2 person, except as provided herein, shall take game, freshwater
3 fish, or fur-bearing animals within this state without having
4 first obtained a license, permit, or authorization and paid
5 the fees hereinafter set forth, unless such license is issued
6 without fee as provided in s. 372.561. Such license, permit,
7 or authorization shall authorize the person to whom it is
8 issued to take game, freshwater fish, or fur-bearing animals
9 in accordance with law and commission rules. Such license,
10 permit, or authorization is not transferable. Each license or
11 permit must bear on its face in indelible ink the name of the
12 person to whom it is issued and other information requested by
13 the commission. Such license, permit, or authorization issued
14 by the commission or any agent must be in the personal
15 possession of the person to whom issued while taking game,
16 freshwater fish, or fur-bearing animals. The failure of such
17 person to exhibit such license, permit, or authorization to
18 the commission or its wildlife officers, when such person is
19 found taking game, freshwater fish, or fur-bearing animals, is
20 a violation of law. A positive form of identification is
21 required when using an authorization, a lifetime license, a
22 5-year license, or when otherwise required by the license or
23 permit. The lifetime licenses and 5-year licenses provided
24 herein shall be embossed with the name, date of birth, the
25 date of issuance, and other pertinent information as deemed
26 necessary by the commission. A certified copy of the
27 applicant's birth certificate shall accompany all applications
28 for a lifetime license for residents 12 years of age and
29 younger.

30 (4) In addition to any license required by this
31 chapter, the following permits and fees for certain hunting,

1 fishing, and recreational uses, and the activities authorized
2 thereby, are:

3 (e) A Florida turkey permit for a resident to take
4 wild turkeys within this state is \$5.

5 (f) A Florida turkey permit for a nonresident to take
6 wild turkeys within this state shall be \$100.

7 (g)(f) A special use permit for limited entry hunting
8 or fishing, where such hunting or fishing is authorized by
9 commission rule, shall be up to \$100 per day but shall not
10 exceed \$250 per week. Notwithstanding any other provision of
11 this chapter, there are no exclusions, exceptions, or
12 exemptions from this fee.In addition to the fee, the
13 commission may charge each applicant for a special use permit
14 a nonrefundable application fee of up to \$10.

15 (h) The fee for a permanent hunting and fishing
16 license for a resident 64 years of age or older is \$12.

17 (7) A resident lifetime sportsman's license authorizes
18 the holder to engage in the following noncommercial
19 activities:

20 (a) To take or attempt to take or possess freshwater
21 fish, marine fish, and game, consistent with state and federal
22 regulations and rules of the commission and the Department of
23 Environmental Protection in effect at the time of taking.

24 (b) All activities authorized by a management area
25 permit, a muzzle-loading gun permit, a turkey permit, an
26 archery permit, a Florida waterfowl permit, a snook permit,
27 and a crawfish permit.

28 ~~(c) All activities for which an additional license,~~
29 ~~permit, or fee may be required to take or attempt to take or~~
30 ~~possess freshwater fish, marine fish, and game, imposed~~

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1 ~~subsequent to the date of purchase of the resident lifetime~~
2 ~~sportsman's license.~~

3 (8) The fee for a resident lifetime sportsman's
4 license is:

5 (c) 13 ~~13-63~~ years of age or older.....\$1,000

6 ~~(d) 64 years of age or older.....\$12~~

7 (9) A resident lifetime hunting license authorizes the
8 holder to engage in the following noncommercial activities:

9 (a) To take or attempt to take or possess game
10 consistent with state and federal regulations and rules of the
11 commission in effect at the time of taking.

12 (b) All activities authorized by a management area
13 permit, excluding fishing, a muzzle-loading gun permit, a
14 turkey permit, an archery permit, and a Florida waterfowl
15 permit.

16 ~~(c) All activities for which an additional license,~~
17 ~~permit, or fee may be required to take or attempt to take or~~
18 ~~possess game, imposed subsequent to the date of purchase of~~
19 ~~the resident lifetime hunting license.~~

20 (11) A resident lifetime freshwater fishing license
21 authorizes the holder to engage in the following noncommercial
22 activities:

23 (a) To take or attempt to take or possess freshwater
24 fish consistent with state and federal regulations and rules
25 of the commission in effect at the time of taking.

26 (b) All activities authorized by a management area
27 permit, excluding hunting.

28 ~~(c) All activities for which an additional license,~~
29 ~~permit, or fee may be required to take or attempt to take or~~
30 ~~possess freshwater fish, imposed subsequent to the date of~~
31 ~~purchase of the resident lifetime freshwater fishing license.~~

1 (14) The following 5-year licenses are authorized:

2 (a) A 5-year freshwater fishing license for a resident
3 to take or attempt to take or possess freshwater fish in this
4 state for 5 consecutive years is \$60 and authorizes the holder
5 to engage in ~~the following~~ noncommercial activities:

6 ~~1.~~ to take or attempt to take or possess freshwater
7 fish consistent with state and federal regulations and rules
8 of the commission in effect at the time of taking.

9 ~~2. All activities authorized by a management area
10 permit, excluding hunting.~~

11 ~~3. All activities for which an additional license,
12 permit, or fee is required to take or attempt to take or
13 possess freshwater fish, imposed subsequent to the date of
14 purchase of the 5-year resident freshwater fishing license
15 until the date of expiration.~~

16 (b) A 5-year hunting license for a resident to take or
17 attempt to take or possess game in this state for 5
18 consecutive years is ~~\$55~~\$270 and authorizes the holder to
19 engage in ~~the following~~ noncommercial activities:

20 ~~1.~~ to take or attempt to take or possess game
21 consistent with state and federal regulations and rules of the
22 commission in effect at the time of taking.

23 ~~2. All activities authorized by a management area
24 permit, excluding fishing, a muzzle-loading gun permit, a
25 turkey permit, an archery permit, and a Florida waterfowl
26 permit.~~

27 ~~3. All activities for which an additional license,
28 permit, or fee may be required to take or attempt to take or
29 possess game, imposed subsequent to the date of purchase of
30 the 5-year resident hunting license until the date of
31 expiration.~~

1 Section 2. Paragraph (d) is added to subsection (2) of
2 section 372.672, Florida Statutes, to read:

3 372.672 Florida Panther Research and Management Trust
4 Fund.--

5 (2) Money from the fund shall be spent only for the
6 following purposes:

7 (d) To fund and administer education programs
8 authorized in s. 372.674.

9 Section 3. Paragraphs (b), (d), and (e) of subsection
10 (6) and subsection (7) of section 372.674, Florida Statutes,
11 are amended to read:

12 372.674 Environmental education.--

13 (6) The advisory council shall:

14 (b) Develop a recommended priority list for projects
15 to be funded through the Florida Panther Research and
16 Management Trust Fund and the Save the Manatee Trust Fund and
17 review and evaluate projects implemented through the fund.

18 (d) Cooperate with the Department of Education in
19 evaluating annual project proposals for projects to be funded
20 through the Florida Panther Research and Management Trust Fund
21 and the Save the Manatee Trust Fund to develop and distribute
22 model instructional materials for use in environmental
23 education to integrate environmental education into the
24 general curriculum of public school districts, community
25 colleges, and universities.

26 (e) Cooperate with the Department of Environmental
27 Protection in evaluating annual proposals for projects to be
28 funded through the Florida Panther Research and Management
29 Trust Fund and the Save the Manatee Trust Fund that can
30 promote an understanding about environmental protection
31 programs and activities administered by the department.

1 (7) The Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission shall
2 review the recommended list of projects to be funded from the
3 Florida Panther Research and Management Trust Fund and the
4 Save the Manatee Trust Fund by August of each year and make a
5 final determination of projects to receive grants from
6 available appropriations by the Legislature. The commission
7 shall act upon the recommended list within 45 days after
8 receipt of the list.

9 Section 4. Subsection (6) of section 372.561, Florida
10 Statutes, is amended to read:

11 372.561 Issuance of licenses to take wild animal life
12 or freshwater aquatic life; costs; reporting.--

13 (6)(a) Tax collectors shall remit license and permit
14 moneys, along with a report of funds collected and other
15 required documentation, to the commission within 7 days
16 following the last business day of the week in which the fees
17 were received by the tax collector. The tax collector shall
18 maintain records of all such licenses and permits which are
19 sold, and all stamps issued voided, stolen, or lost. The tax
20 collector is responsible to the commission for the fee for all
21 licenses and permits sold and for the value of all universal
22 forms or stamps reported as lost. The tax collector shall
23 report stolen permits to the appropriate law enforcement
24 agency. The tax collector shall submit a written report and a
25 copy of the law enforcement agency's report to the commission
26 within 5 days after discovering the theft. The value of a
27 universal form or validation stamp is ~~\$25~~\$5.

28 (b) Tax collectors are also responsible for fees for
29 all licenses and permits sold by their subagents and for the
30 value of all universal forms or stamps reported as lost. The
31 commission may adopt rules to implement this section.

1 (c) Not later than August 15 of each year, each county
2 tax collector shall submit to the commission all unissued
3 stamps or universal forms for the previous year along with a
4 written audit report, on forms prescribed or approved by the
5 commission, of the numbers of the unissued stamps or universal
6 forms.

7 Section 5. This act shall take effect upon becoming a
8 law.

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11 HOUSE SUMMARY

12 Provides for resident and nonresident turkey permits and
13 requires a fee of \$100 for a nonresident permit.
14 Provides that the fee for a permanent hunting and fishing
15 license for a resident 64 years of age or older is \$12.
16 Clarifies language with respect to described licenses,
17 permits, or fees. Reduces to \$55 the fee for a 5-year
18 resident hunting license. Provides that moneys in the
19 Florida Panther Research and Management Trust Fund may be
20 used to fund and administer education programs authorized
21 in s. 372.674, F.S. Provides reference to universal
22 forms with respect to licenses and permits and provides a
23 \$25 fee for the value of a universal form or stamp. See
24 bill for details.
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