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See HB

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to wildlife; amending s.
3 372.57, F.S.; providing for a recreational user
4 permit fee to hunt, fish, or otherwise use for
5 outdoor recreational purposes, land leased by
6 the Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission from
7 private nongovernmental owners; providing for
8 the setting of the fee by rule; providing for
9 exceptions to the application of the fee;
10 providing an effective date.

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

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14 Section 1. Paragraph (b) of subsection (4) of section
15 372.57, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

16 372.57 Licenses and permits; exemptions; fees.--No
17 person, except as provided herein, shall take game, freshwater
18 fish, or fur-bearing animals within this state without having
19 first obtained a license, permit, or authorization and paid
20 the fees hereinafter set forth, unless such license is issued
21 without fee as provided in s. 372.561. Such license, permit,
22 or authorization shall authorize the person to whom it is
23 issued to take game, freshwater fish, or fur-bearing animals
24 in accordance with law and commission rules. Such license,
25 permit, or authorization is not transferable. Each license or
26 permit must bear on its face in indelible ink the name of the
27 person to whom it is issued and other information requested by
28 the commission. Such license, permit, or authorization issued
29 by the commission or any agent must be in the personal
30 possession of the person to whom issued while taking game,
31 freshwater fish, or fur-bearing animals. The failure of such

1 person to exhibit such license, permit, or authorization to
2 the commission or its wildlife officers, when such person is
3 found taking game, freshwater fish, or fur-bearing animals, is
4 a violation of law. A positive form of identification is
5 required when using an authorization, a lifetime license, a
6 5-year license, or when otherwise required by the license or
7 permit. The lifetime licenses and 5-year licenses provided
8 herein shall be embossed with the name, date of birth, the
9 date of issuance, and other pertinent information as deemed
10 necessary by the commission. A certified copy of the
11 applicant's birth certificate shall accompany all applications
12 for a lifetime license for residents 12 years of age and
13 younger.

14 (4) In addition to any license required by this
15 chapter, the following permits and fees for certain hunting,
16 fishing, and recreational uses, and the activities authorized
17 thereby, are:

18 (b)1. Management area permits to hunt, fish, or
19 otherwise use for outdoor recreational purposes, land owned,
20 leased, or managed by the commission or the State of Florida
21 for the use and benefit of the commission, up to \$25 annually.
22 Permits, and fees thereof, for short-term use of land which is
23 owned, leased, or managed by the commission may be established
24 by rule of the commission for any activity on such lands.
25 Such permits and fees may be in lieu of or in addition to the
26 annual management area permit. Other than for hunting or
27 fishing, the provisions of this paragraph shall not apply on
28 any lands not owned by the commission, unless the commission
29 shall have obtained the written consent of the owner or
30 primary custodian of such lands.

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1 2. A recreational user permit fee to hunt, fish, or
2 otherwise use for outdoor recreational purposes, land leased
3 by the commission from private nongovernmental owners. The fee
4 for this permit shall be based upon economic compensation
5 desired by the landowner, game population levels, desired
6 hunter density, and administrative costs. The permit fee shall
7 be set by commission rule on a per-acre basis. The spouse and
8 dependent children of a permittee are exempt from the permit
9 fee when engaged in outdoor recreational activities other than
10 hunting in the company of the permittee. Notwithstanding any
11 other provision of this chapter, there are no other
12 exclusions, exceptions, or exemptions from this permit fee.
13 The landowner lease fee, less an administrative permit fee of
14 up to \$25 per permit, shall be remitted to the landowner as
15 provided in the lease agreement for each area.

16 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1 of the
17 year in which enacted.

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20 LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY

21 Provides for a recreational user permit fee for hunting,
22 fishing, or other outdoor recreational purposes on land
23 leased by the Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission from
24 private nongovernmental owners. (See bill for details.)
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