

By the Committee on Natural Resources and Senator Bronson

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A bill to be entitled  
An act relating to land management; amending s.  
259.032, F.S.; providing for the use of  
Conservation and Recreation Lands funds to  
manage additional lands; authorizing the use of  
certain equipment on conservation and  
recreation lands; amending s. 372.57, F.S.;  
providing for an exemption to the recreational  
user permit fee; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Paragraph (b) of subsection (11) of section  
259.032, Florida Statutes, 1998 Supplement, is amended to  
read:

259.032 Conservation and Recreation Lands Trust Fund;  
purpose.--

(11)

(b) An amount up to 1.5 percent of the cumulative  
total of funds ever deposited into the Florida Preservation  
2000 Trust Fund shall be made available for the purposes of  
management, maintenance, and capital improvements, and for  
associated contractual services, for lands acquired pursuant  
to this section and s. 259.101 to which title is vested in the  
board of trustees and other conservation and recreation lands  
managed by and titled to a state agency which are contiguous  
to lands acquired under this section and s. 259.101. Such  
contiguous lands shall not be used to determine the amount of  
management funds allocated to state agencies. Each agency with  
management responsibilities shall annually request from the  
Legislature funds sufficient to fulfill such responsibilities.

1 Capital improvements shall include, but need not be limited  
2 to, perimeter fencing, signs, firelanes, access roads and  
3 trails, and minimal public accommodations, such as primitive  
4 campsites, garbage receptacles, and toilets. Any equipment  
5 purchased with funds provided pursuant to this paragraph may  
6 be used for the purposes described in this paragraph on any  
7 state lands acquired for conservation or recreation.

8 Section 2. Subsection (4) of section 372.57, Florida  
9 Statutes, 1998 Supplement, is amended to read:

10 372.57 Licenses and permits; exemptions; fees.--No  
11 person, except as provided herein, shall take game, freshwater  
12 fish, or fur-bearing animals within this state without having  
13 first obtained a license, permit, or authorization and paid  
14 the fees hereinafter set forth, unless such license is issued  
15 without fee as provided in s. 372.561. Such license, permit,  
16 or authorization shall authorize the person to whom it is  
17 issued to take game, freshwater fish, or fur-bearing animals  
18 in accordance with law and commission rules. Such license,  
19 permit, or authorization is not transferable. Each license or  
20 permit must bear on its face in indelible ink the name of the  
21 person to whom it is issued and other information requested by  
22 the commission. Such license, permit, or authorization issued  
23 by the commission or any agent must be in the personal  
24 possession of the person to whom issued while taking game,  
25 freshwater fish, or fur-bearing animals. The failure of such  
26 person to exhibit such license, permit, or authorization to  
27 the commission or its wildlife officers, when such person is  
28 found taking game, freshwater fish, or fur-bearing animals, is  
29 a violation of law. A positive form of identification is  
30 required when using an authorization, a lifetime license, a  
31 5-year license, or when otherwise required by the license or

1 permit. The lifetime licenses and 5-year licenses provided  
2 herein shall be embossed with the name, date of birth, the  
3 date of issuance, and other pertinent information as deemed  
4 necessary by the commission. A certified copy of the  
5 applicant's birth certificate shall accompany all applications  
6 for a lifetime license for residents 12 years of age and  
7 younger. Each applicant for a license, permit, or  
8 authorization shall provide the applicant's social security  
9 number on the application form. Disclosure of social security  
10 numbers obtained through this requirement shall be limited to  
11 the purpose of administration of the Title IV-D child support  
12 enforcement program and use by the commission, and as  
13 otherwise provided by law.

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 (a) A Florida waterfowl permit to take wild ducks or  
19 geese within this state or its coastal waters is \$3.

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

3           2. A recreational user permit fee to hunt, fish, or  
4 otherwise use for outdoor recreational purposes, land leased  
5 by the commission from private nongovernmental owners, except  
6 for those lands located directly north of the Apalachicola  
7 National Forest, east of the Ochlockonee River until the point  
8 the river meets the dam forming Lake Talquin, and south of the  
9 closest federal highway. The fee for this permit shall be  
10 based upon economic compensation desired by the landowner,  
11 game population levels, desired hunter density, and  
12 administrative costs. The permit fee shall be set by  
13 commission rule on a per-acre basis. On property currently in  
14 the private landowner payment program, the prior year's  
15 landowner payment shall be used to augment the landowner lease  
16 fee so as to decrease the permit fee for the users of that  
17 property. One minor dependent child per permittee may hunt  
18 under the supervision of the permittee and is exempt from the  
19 permit fee.The spouse and dependent children of a permittee  
20 are exempt from the permit fee when engaged in outdoor  
21 recreational activities other than hunting in the company of  
22 the permittee. Notwithstanding any other provision of this  
23 chapter, there are no other exclusions, exceptions, or  
24 exemptions from this permit fee. The recreational user permit  
25 ~~landowner lease~~ fee, less an administrative permit fee of up  
26 to \$25 per permit, shall be remitted to the landowner as  
27 provided in the lease agreement for each area.

28           Section 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a  
29 law.

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STATEMENT OF SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES CONTAINED IN  
COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR  
SB 306

The bill now clarifies that the extension of existing management funding from the CARL TF to the three wildlife management areas will not result in additional funding being received by the Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission, and that these lands newly-eligible for funding must be conservation and recreation lands. The bill also authorizes the use of equipment purchased with CARL TF funds on any lands acquired for conservation or recreation.