

HOUSE MESSAGE SUMMARY

BILL: CS/CS/SB 386, 1st Eng. [S0386.HMS]
SPONSOR: Fiscal Resource Committee and Natural Resources Committee
SUBJECT: Fish and wildlife licenses
PREPARED BY: Senate Committee on Natural Resources
DATE: May 5, 2000

I. Amendments Contained in Message

House Amendment 1-- 431061 (body with title)

II. Summary of Amendments Contained in Message

House Amendment 1 clarifies the purposes for which the manatee license plate fees are used. Provides for the regulation of vessels by municipalities or counties. Provides for boating accident report forms. Revises the provisions relating to reckless or careless operation of a vessel. Revises the divers-down flag requirements. Revises certain other provisions relating to the operation of vessels and personal watercraft. Clarifies the requirements for uniform waterway markers for safety and navigation. Provides for the testing of vessels and vessel motors.

CS/CS/SB 386 merged the saltwater fishing license provisions from ch. 370, F.S., into ch. 372, F.S. The amendment retains the saltwater fishing license provisions in ch. 370, F.S. Clarifies the provisions relating to the disability exemptions for hunting and fishing licenses. Provides for a combination hunting and fishing license. Provides for electronic sales of hunting and fishing licenses. Deletes certain obsolete hunting licenses. Revises the provisions relating to forgery and counterfeit hunting and fishing licenses.

Repeals s. 258.398, F.S., 1997 edition, relating to the designation of Lake Weir as an aquatic preserve. The amendment also repeal subsections (10) and (11) of s. 370.14, F.S., relating to crawfish stamps. In the Senate bill, these provisions were recreated in ch. 372, F.S. The House amendment, however, retains the saltwater fishing license provisions in ch. 370, F.S. Therefore, the repeal of s. 370.14(10) and (11), F.S., appears to be an untended repeal of the crawfish stamp.