

By the Committee on Natural Resources

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to licenses issued by the Fish
3 and Wildlife Conservation Commission; amending
4 s. 372.105, F.S.; providing that the proceeds
5 from the sale of all lifetime licenses be
6 deposited into the Lifetime Fish and Wildlife
7 Trust Fund; amending s. 372.57, F.S.; providing
8 for noncommercial saltwater fishing licenses;
9 providing for exceptions; providing for a
10 combination license to hunt and take freshwater
11 and saltwater fish; providing for a combination
12 freshwater and saltwater fishing license;
13 coordinating the exemption requirements for
14 licenses for retired residents to the
15 retirement-age eligibility requirements of the
16 United States Social Security Administration;
17 authorizing the commission to issue temporary
18 saltwater fishing licenses for special events
19 in management areas for certain persons;
20 providing that no fee is charged for such
21 temporary licenses; providing for lifetime and
22 5-year saltwater fishing licenses; creating s.
23 372.5701, F.S.; providing for the deposit and
24 allocation of revenues received from the annual
25 saltwater license fees; amending s. 372.561,
26 F.S.; requiring the commission to issue
27 licenses and permits to take wild animal life
28 or freshwater or saltwater aquatic life upon
29 proof of the applicant that he or she is
30 entitled to such a permit or license; providing
31 that licenses and permits for hunting,

1 saltwater fishing, and freshwater fishing must
2 be issued, without fee, to certain disabled
3 persons; specifying portion of license fees to
4 be retained by tax collectors; amending s.
5 372.574, F.S.; providing for a fee for
6 electronic license sales; providing for the
7 replacement of a lost or destroyed license or
8 permit; providing a fee; amending s. 372.66,
9 F.S.; deleting the nonresident fur dealer agent
10 license, the resident fur dealer agent license,
11 and the resident local fur dealer license;
12 amending ss. 372.571, 372.5712, 372.5715,
13 372.573, 372.661, F.S.; conforming
14 cross-references; amending s. 372.83, F.S.;
15 providing that it is unlawful to make, forge,
16 or counterfeit any hunting or fishing license;
17 providing penalties; providing that it is a
18 noncriminal infraction to violate specified
19 provisions relating to snook permits or
20 crawfish permits; providing penalties; amending
21 ss. 328.72, 328.76, F.S.; revising provisions
22 relating to the remission of service fees to
23 the Department of Revenue and relating to the
24 distribution and use of certain portions of the
25 registration certificate fees; amending s.
26 370.06, F.S.; deleting obsolete provisions
27 relating to gill nets; repealing ss. 370.0605,
28 370.0615, 370.0608, F.S., relating to saltwater
29 fishing licenses; providing an effective date.

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

1 Section 1. Paragraph (b) of subsection (2) and
2 paragraph (b) of subsection (3) of section 372.105, Florida
3 Statutes, are amended to read:

4 372.105 Lifetime Fish and Wildlife Trust Fund.--

5 (2) The principal of the fund shall be derived from
6 the following:

7 (b) Proceeds from the sale of lifetime licenses issued
8 in accordance with s. 372.57 ~~with the exception of the~~
9 ~~saltwater portion of the lifetime sportsman's license.~~

10 (3) The fund is declared to constitute a special trust
11 derived from a contractual relationship between the state and
12 the members of the public whose investments contribute to the
13 fund. In recognition of such special trust, the following
14 limitations and restrictions are placed on expenditures from
15 the funds:

16 (b) The interest income received and accruing from the
17 investments of the fund shall be spent in furtherance of the
18 commission's exercise of the regulatory and executive powers
19 of the state with respect to the management, protection, and
20 conservation of wild animal life and saltwater and freshwater
21 aquatic life as set forth in s. 9, Art. IV of the State
22 Constitution and this chapter and as otherwise authorized by
23 the Legislature.

24 Section 2. Section 372.57, Florida Statutes, is
25 amended to read:

26 372.57 Licenses and permits; exemptions; fees.--No
27 person, except as provided herein, shall take or possess game,
28 freshwater fish, saltwater fish, or fur-bearing animals within
29 this state without having first obtained a license, permit, or
30 authorization and paid the fees hereinafter set forth, unless
31 such license is issued without fee as provided in s. 372.561.

1 A person may not operate any vessel for which a fee is paid
2 either directly or indirectly for the purpose of taking,
3 attempting to take, or possessing any saltwater fish for
4 noncommercial purposes, unless he or she has been issued an
5 authorization or has obtained a license for each vessel for
6 that purpose and has paid the license fee imposed under this
7 section for such a vessel.Such license, permit, or
8 authorization shall authorize the person to whom it is issued
9 to take game, freshwater fish, saltwater fish,or fur-bearing
10 animals in accordance with law and commission rules. Such
11 license, permit, or authorization is not transferable. Each
12 license or permit must bear on its face in indelible ink the
13 name of the person to whom it is issued and other information
14 requested by the commission, and, if the license is issued to
15 the owner, operator, or custodian of a vessel for which a fee
16 is paid either directly or indirectly for the purpose of
17 taking or attempting to take or possess saltwater fish for
18 noncommercial purposes, the vessel registration number or
19 federal documentation number must be included. Such license,
20 permit, or authorization issued by the commission or any agent
21 must be in the personal possession of the person to whom
22 issued while taking game, freshwater fish, saltwater fish,or
23 fur-bearing animals. The failure of such person to exhibit
24 such license, permit, or authorization to the commission or
25 its wildlife officers, when such person is found taking game,
26 freshwater fish, saltwater fish,or fur-bearing animals, is a
27 violation of law. A positive form of identification is
28 required when using an authorization, a lifetime license, a
29 5-year license, or when otherwise required by the license or
30 permit. The lifetime licenses and 5-year licenses provided
31 herein shall be embossed with the name, date of birth, the

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

12 (1) A license or permit is not required for:

13 (a) Any child under 16 years of age except as
14 otherwise provided in this chapter.

15 (b) Any person hunting or fishing in the person's
16 county of residence on the person's homestead or the homestead
17 of the person's spouse or minor child, or any minor child
18 hunting or fishing on the homestead of her or his parent.

19 (c) Any resident who is a member of the Armed Forces
20 of the United States, who is not stationed in this state, when
21 home on leave for 30 days or less, upon submission of orders.

22 (d) Any resident when fishing with live or natural
23 bait, using poles or lines which are not equipped with a
24 fishing line retrieval mechanism, and fishing for
25 noncommercial purposes in the county of her or his residence,
26 except on legally established fish management areas. This
27 paragraph, as amended by chapter 76-156, Laws of Florida, may
28 be cited as the "Dempsey J. Barron, W. D. Childers, and Joe
29 Kershaw Cane Pole Tax Repeal Act of 1976."
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1 (e) Any person fishing in a fish pond of 20 acres or
2 less which is located entirely within the private property of
3 the fish pond owner.

4 (f) Any person fishing in a fish pond which is
5 licensed in accordance with s. 372.5705.

6 (g) Any Florida resident fishing in salt water from
7 land or from a structure fixed to the land.

8 (h) Any person fishing from a vessel the operator of
9 which is licensed under subsection (2).

10 (i) Any person who holds a valid saltwater products
11 license issued under s. 370.06(2).

12 (j)~~(g)~~ Any person fishing who has been accepted as a
13 client for developmental services by the Department of
14 Children and Family Services, which department shall furnish
15 such person proof thereof.

16 (k) Any person fishing from a pier for the purpose of
17 taking or attempting to take or possess saltwater fish for
18 noncommercial purposes licensed under this section.

19 (l) Any person fishing for the purpose of taking or
20 attempting to take or possess saltwater fish for noncommercial
21 purposes from a vessel that is licensed under this section.

22 (m) Any Florida resident who is fishing for mullet in
23 fresh water and has a valid Florida freshwater fishing
24 license.

25 (n) Any Florida resident fishing for a saltwater
26 species in fresh water from land or from a structure fixed to
27 the land.

28 (o)~~(h)~~ Any person ~~resident~~ who meets the retirement
29 age requirements, not including early-retirement age, of the
30 United States Social Security Administration as specified in
31 42 U.S.C.P. s. 416, and who has in her or his possession proof

1 of compliance with the age, residency, and retirement-age
2 eligibility requirements. A free license may be obtained from
3 any tax collector's office upon proof of age, residency, and
4 retirement-age eligibility requirements.~~65 years of age or~~
5 ~~older who has in her or his possession proof of age and~~
6 ~~residency. A free license may be obtained from any tax~~
7 ~~collector's office upon proof of age and residency.~~

8 (2) For residents and nonresidents, the license and
9 fees for noncommercial freshwater and saltwater fishing and
10 for hunting and trapping in this state, and the activity
11 authorized thereby, are as follows:

12 (a) A fishing license for a resident to take
13 freshwater or saltwater fish in this state is \$12 each for a
14 1-year license. For a resident, a freshwater license or a
15 saltwater license that is valid for 5 consecutive years from
16 the date of purchase is \$60.

17 (b) A fishing license for a nonresident to take
18 freshwater or saltwater fish in this state for 7 consecutive
19 days is \$15 each.

20 (c) For a nonresident, an annual ~~A~~ fishing license ~~for~~
21 ~~a nonresident~~ to take freshwater fish or an annual license to
22 take saltwater fish in this state is \$30 each.

23 (d) A combination fishing and hunting license for a
24 resident to take freshwater fish and game in this state is
25 \$22.

26 (e) A combination fishing license for a resident to
27 take freshwater and saltwater fish is \$24.

28 (f) A combination license to hunt and take freshwater
29 and saltwater fish is \$34.

30 (g)1. For a person who operates a vessel that is
31 licensed to carry more than 10 customers and for which a fee

1 is paid, either directly or indirectly, for the purpose of
2 taking or attempting to take saltwater fish, the license is
3 \$800 per year. The license must be kept aboard the vessel at
4 all times.

5 2. For a person who operates a vessel that is licensed
6 to carry no more than 10 customers, or for a person who is
7 licensed to operate a vessel carrying 6 or fewer customers,
8 for which a fee is paid, either directly or indirectly, for
9 the purpose of taking or attempting to take saltwater fish,
10 the license is \$400 per year; however, for a person who is
11 licensed to operate a vessel carrying 6 or fewer customers but
12 who operates a vessel carrying 4 or fewer customers, for which
13 a fee is paid, either directly or indirectly, for such
14 purposes, the license is \$200 per year. The license must be
15 kept aboard the vessel at all times.

16 3. A person who operates a vessel required to be
17 licensed under subparagraph 1. or subparagraph 2. may obtain a
18 license in his or her own name, and the license is
19 transferable and applicable to any vessel operated by the
20 purchaser if the purchaser has paid the appropriate license
21 fee.

22 4. For any pier fixed to the land for the purpose of
23 taking or attempting to take saltwater fish therefrom, a
24 fishing license is \$500 per year. The owner, operator, or
25 custodian of such a pier may buy the annual \$500 license. The
26 purchaser of such a license must have the license available
27 for inspection at all times.

28 5. For a recreational vessel not for hire and for
29 which no fee is paid either directly or indirectly by guests,
30 for the purpose of taking or attempting to take saltwater fish
31 noncommercially, a fishing license is \$2,000 per year. The

1 license may be purchased at the option of the vessel owner and
2 must be kept aboard the vessel at all times. The licensee
3 shall maintain a log of species taken and the date the species
4 were taken and shall file a copy of the log with the Fish and
5 Wildlife Conservation Commission at the time of renewal of the
6 license.

7 (h)~~(e)~~ A hunting license for a resident to take game
8 in this state is \$11.

9 (i)~~(f)~~ A hunting license for a nonresident to take
10 game in this state is \$150.

11 (j)~~(g)~~ A hunting license for a nonresident to take
12 game in this state for 10 consecutive days is \$25.

13 (k)~~(h)~~ A license for a resident and nonresident to
14 take fur-bearing animals in this state is \$25.

15 (l)~~(i)~~ A sportsman's license for a resident is \$66.
16 The sportsman's license authorizes the holder to take
17 freshwater fish and game, subject to state and federal
18 regulations and rules of the commission in effect at the time
19 of taking, and authorizes the same activities authorized by a
20 management area permit, a muzzle-loading gun permit, a turkey
21 permit, a Florida waterfowl permit, and an archery permit. A
22 nonresident may not purchase a sportsman's license.

23 (3) The owner, operator, or custodian of a vessel the
24 operator of which has been licensed under this section must
25 maintain and report such statistical data as required by, and
26 in a manner set forth in, the rules of the commission.

27 (4) The Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission may
28 issue a temporary saltwater fishing license, upon request, to
29 any governmental or nonprofit organization that sponsors 1-day
30 special events in fishing management areas for individuals who
31 have physical, mental, or emotional disabilities or for the

1 economically disadvantaged. A fee may not be charged for such
2 a temporary license. The temporary license is valid for 1 day
3 and must designate the date and the maximum number of
4 individuals that it applies to.

5 (5)(3) A resident or nonresident taking fur-bearing
6 animals by the use of guns or dogs only and not by the use of
7 traps or other devices, and not for commercial purposes, who
8 has purchased the license provided for hunting in this
9 section, received a no-cost license, or is exempt from the
10 license requirements of this chapter is not required to
11 purchase a the license ~~provided in paragraph (2)(h)~~. A
12 resident who is age 65 or older is not required to purchase
13 the license provided in paragraph (2)(k) ~~(2)(h)~~.

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

1 written consent of the owner or primary custodian of such
2 lands.

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

29 (c) A muzzle-loading gun permit to hunt within this
30 state with a muzzle-loading gun during those game seasons in
31 which hunting with a modern firearm is not allowed is \$5.

1 (d) An archery permit to hunt within this state with a
2 bow and arrow during those game seasons in which hunting with
3 a firearm is not allowed is \$5.

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

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

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

17 ~~(6)(5)~~ The commission may ~~is authorized to~~ reduce the
18 fees for licenses and permits under this section for residents
19 of those states with which the commission has entered into
20 reciprocal agreements with respect to such fees.

21 ~~(7)(6)~~ The commission may designate by rule no more
22 than 2 consecutive or nonconsecutive days in each year as free
23 fishing days. Notwithstanding any other provision of this
24 chapter, any person may take freshwater fish or saltwater fish
25 for noncommercial purposes on a free fishing day without
26 obtaining or possessing a license or paying a license fee as
27 prescribed in this section. A person who takes freshwater
28 fish or saltwater fish on a free fishing day without obtaining
29 a license or paying a fee must comply with all laws and
30 regulations governing holders of a fishing license and all

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1 other conditions and limitations regulating the taking of
2 freshwater fish as are imposed by law or rule.

3 (8)~~(7)~~ A resident lifetime sportsman's license
4 authorizes the holder to engage in the following noncommercial
5 activities:

6 (a) To take or attempt to take or possess freshwater
7 fish, saltwater ~~marine~~ fish, and game, consistent with state
8 and federal regulations and rules of the commission in effect
9 at the time of taking.

10 (b) All activities authorized by a management area
11 permit, a muzzle-loading gun permit, a turkey permit, an
12 archery permit, a Florida waterfowl permit, a snook permit,
13 and a crawfish permit.

14 (9)~~(8)~~ The fee for a resident lifetime sportsman's
15 license is:

- 16 (a) 4 years of age or younger.....\$400
17 (b) 5-12 years of age.....\$700
18 (c) 13 years of age or older.....\$1,000

19 (10)~~(9)~~ A resident lifetime hunting license authorizes
20 the holder to engage in the following noncommercial
21 activities:

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

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

29 (11)~~(10)~~ The fee for a resident lifetime hunting
30 license shall be:

- 31 (a) 4 years of age or younger.....\$200

1 (b) 5-12 years of age.....\$350
2 (c) 13 years of age or older.....\$500
3 (12)~~(11)~~ A resident lifetime freshwater fishing
4 license authorizes the holder to engage in the following
5 noncommercial activities:
6 (a) 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 (b) All activities authorized by a management area
10 permit, excluding hunting.
11 (13)~~(12)~~ The fee for a resident lifetime freshwater
12 fishing license shall be:
13 (a) 4 years of age or younger.....\$125
14 (b) 5-12 years of age.....\$225
15 (c) 13 years of age or older.....\$300
16 (14) A resident lifetime saltwater fishing license
17 authorizes the holder to engage in the following noncommercial
18 activities:
19 (a) To take or attempt to take or possess marine fish
20 consistent with state and federal regulations and rules of the
21 commission.
22 (b) All activities authorized by a snook permit and a
23 crawfish permit.
24 (15) The fee for a resident lifetime saltwater fishing
25 license shall be:
26 (a) 4 years of age or younger.....\$125
27 (b) 5-12 years of age.....\$225
28 (c) 13 years of age or older.....\$300
29 ~~(13) Fees collected pursuant to s. 370.0605(2) for~~
30 ~~5-year saltwater fishing licenses, fees collected pursuant to~~
31 ~~s. 370.0605(6)(e) for replacement 5-year and lifetime~~

1 ~~licenses, fees collected pursuant to s. 370.0615 for lifetime~~
2 ~~saltwater fishing licenses, and 30 percent of the fee for the~~
3 ~~lifetime sportsman's license shall be transferred within 30~~
4 ~~days following the last day of the month in which the license~~
5 ~~fees were received by the commission to the Marine Resources~~
6 ~~Conservation Trust Fund.~~

7 (16)~~(14)~~ The following 5-year licenses are authorized:

8 (a) A 5-year freshwater fishing license for a resident
9 to take or attempt to take or possess freshwater fish in this
10 state for 5 consecutive years is \$60 and authorizes the holder
11 to engage in noncommercial activities to take or attempt to
12 take or possess freshwater fish consistent with state and
13 federal regulations and rules of the commission in effect at
14 the time of taking.

15 (b) A 5-year hunting license for a resident to take or
16 attempt to take or possess game in this state for 5
17 consecutive years is \$55 and authorizes the holder to engage
18 in noncommercial activities to take or attempt to take or
19 possess game consistent with state and federal regulations and
20 rules of the commission in effect at the time of taking.

21 (c) A 5-year saltwater fishing license for a resident
22 to take or attempt to take or possess saltwater fish in this
23 state for 5 consecutive years is \$60 and authorizes the holder
24 to engage in noncommercial activities to take or attempt to
25 take or possess saltwater fish consistent with state and
26 federal regulations and rules of the commission in effect at
27 the time of taking.

28 (17)~~(15)~~ Proceeds from the sale of 5-year licenses as
29 provided in this chapter must ~~shall~~ be deposited into the
30 Dedicated License Trust Fund. One-fifth of the total proceeds
31 derived from the sale of 5-year licenses, replacement 5-year

1 licenses, and all interest derived therefrom shall be
2 available for appropriation annually.

3 Section 3. Section 372.5701, Florida Statutes, is
4 created to read:

5 372.5701 Deposit of license fees; allocation of
6 federal funds.--

7 (1) All annual saltwater license fees collected
8 pursuant to s. 372.57 shall be deposited into the Marine
9 Resources Conservation Trust Fund, to be used as follows:

10 (a) Not more than 5 percent of the total fees
11 collected shall be used to carry out the responsibilities of
12 the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission and to provide
13 for the award of funds to marine research institutions in this
14 state for the purposes of enabling such institutions to
15 conduct worthy marine research projects.

16 (b) Not less than 2.5 percent of the total fees
17 collected shall be used for aquatic education purposes.

18 (c)1. The remainder of such fees shall be used by the
19 department for the following program functions:

20 a. Not more than 5 percent of the total fees
21 collected, for administration of the licensing program and for
22 information and education.

23 b. Not more than 30 percent of the total fees
24 collected, for law enforcement.

25 c. Not less than 27.5 percent of the total fees
26 collected, for marine research.

27 d. Not less than 30 percent of the total fees
28 collected, for fishery enhancement, including, but not limited
29 to, fishery statistics development, artificial reefs, and fish
30 hatcheries.

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1 2. The Legislature shall annually appropriate to the
2 commission from the General Revenue Fund for the activities
3 and programs specified in subparagraph 1. at least the same
4 amount of money as was appropriated to the Department of
5 Environmental Protection from the General Revenue Fund for
6 such activities and programs for fiscal year 1988-1989, and
7 the amounts appropriated to the commission for such activities
8 and programs from the Marine Resources Conservation Trust Fund
9 shall be in addition to the amount appropriated to the
10 commission for such activities and programs from the General
11 Revenue Fund. The proceeds from recreational saltwater fishing
12 license fees paid by fishers shall be appropriated only to the
13 commission.

14 (2) Funds available from the Wallop-Breaux Aquatic
15 Resources Trust Fund shall be distributed by the commission
16 between the Division of Freshwater Fisheries and the Division
17 of Marine Fisheries in proportion to the numbers of resident
18 fresh and saltwater anglers as determined by the most current
19 data on license sales. Unless otherwise provided by federal
20 law, the commission, at a minimum, shall provide the
21 following:

22 (a) Not less than 5 percent or more than 10 percent of
23 the funds allocated to the commission shall be expended for an
24 aquatic resources education program; and

25 (b) Not less than 10 percent of the funds allocated to
26 the commission shall be expended for acquisition, development,
27 renovation, or improvement of boating facilities.

28 Section 4. Section 372.561, Florida Statutes, is
29 amended to read:

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1 372.561 Issuance of licenses to take wild animal life,
2 saltwater aquatic life, or freshwater aquatic life; costs;
3 reporting.--

4 (1) ~~The provisions of This section applies shall apply~~
5 to such licenses or permits as are established in s. 372.57.

6 (2) The commission shall issue licenses and permits to
7 take wild animal life or freshwater or saltwater aquatic life
8 upon proof by the applicant for licensure that she or he is
9 entitled to such license or permit. The commission shall
10 establish the forms for such licenses and permits. Each
11 applicant for a license, permit, or authorization shall
12 provide the applicant's social security number on the
13 application form. Disclosure of social security numbers
14 obtained through this requirement shall be limited to the
15 purpose of administration of the Title IV-D program for child
16 support enforcement and use by the commission, and as
17 otherwise provided by law.

18 (3) Licenses and permits for the state may be sold by
19 the commission, by any tax collector in this state, or by any
20 appointed subagent.

21 (4)(a) In addition to any license or permit fee, the
22 sum of \$1.50 shall be charged for each license or management
23 area permit sold. ~~Such charge is for the purpose of, and the~~
24 ~~source from which is subtracted, all administrative costs of~~
25 ~~issuing a license or permit, including, but not limited to,~~
26 ~~printing, distribution, and credit card fees.~~

27 (b) Tax collectors may retain \$1 for each freshwater
28 fishing and hunting license or management area permit sold,
29 and \$1.50 for each saltwater license sold.
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1 (5)(a) Hunting and saltwater and freshwater fishing
2 licenses and permits shall be issued, without fee, to any
3 resident who is certified:

4 1. To be totally and permanently disabled by the
5 United States Department of Veterans Affairs or its
6 predecessor or, ~~by the United States Social Security~~
7 ~~Administration, by any branch of the United States Armed~~
8 ~~Forces, or by the verified written statement which is based~~
9 ~~upon the criteria for permanent and total disability in~~
10 ~~chapter 440 of a physician licensed in this state or who holds~~
11 ~~a valid identification card issued under the provisions of s.~~
12 ~~295.17, upon proof of the same.~~ Any license issued under this
13 provision after January 1, 1997, expires after 5 years and
14 must be reissued, upon request, every 5 years thereafter.

15 2. To be totally disabled ~~A Disability Award Notice~~
16 ~~issued~~ by the United States Social Security Administration
17 upon proof of the same. Any license issued under this
18 provision after October 1, 1999, expires after 2 years and
19 must be reissued, upon proof of certification as provided in
20 this subsection, every 2 years thereafter ~~is not sufficient~~
21 ~~certification for obtaining a permanent hunting and fishing~~
22 ~~license under this section unless said form certifies a~~
23 ~~resident is totally and permanently disabled.~~

24 (b) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this
25 section, any person who has received after July 1, 1997, and
26 before July 1, 2000, a valid disability license issued under
27 this subsection, retains the rights vested thereunder until
28 the license has expired.

29 (6)(a) Tax collectors shall remit license and permit
30 moneys, along with a report of funds collected and other
31 required documentation, to the commission within 7 days

1 following the last business day of the week in which the fees
2 were received by the tax collector. The tax collector shall
3 maintain records of all such licenses and permits which are
4 sold, ~~and all stamps issued~~ voided, stolen, or lost. The tax
5 collector is responsible to the commission for the fee for all
6 licenses and permits sold and for the value of all licenses
7 and permits ~~stamps~~ reported as lost. The tax collector shall
8 report stolen licenses and permits to the appropriate law
9 enforcement agency. The tax collector shall submit a written
10 report and a copy of the law enforcement agency's report to
11 the commission within 5 days after discovering the theft. ~~The~~
12 ~~value of a validation stamp is \$5.~~

13 (b) Tax collectors are also responsible for fees for
14 all licenses and permits sold by their subagents and for the
15 value of all licenses and permits ~~stamps~~ reported as lost.
16 The commission may adopt rules to implement this section.

17 (c) Not later than August 15 of each year, each county
18 tax collector shall submit to the commission all unissued
19 licenses and permits ~~stamps~~ for the previous year along with a
20 written audit report, on forms prescribed or approved by the
21 commission, of the numbers of the unissued stamps.

22 (7) Within 30 days after the submission of the annual
23 audit report, each county tax collector shall provide the
24 commission with a written audit report on unissued, sold, and
25 voided licenses, permits, and stamps with a certified
26 reconciliation statement prepared by a certified public
27 accountant. Concurrent with the submission of the
28 certification, the county tax collector shall remit to the
29 commission the monetary value of all licenses, permits, and
30 stamps that are unaccounted for. Each tax collector is also
31 responsible for fees for all licenses, permits, and stamps

1 distributed by him or her to subagents, sold by him or her, or
2 reported by him or her as lost.

3 Section 5. Section 372.574, Florida Statutes, is
4 amended to read:

5 372.574 Appointment of subagents for the sale of
6 hunting, fishing, and trapping licenses and permits.--

7 (1) A county tax collector who elects to sell licenses
8 and permits may appoint any person as a subagent for the sale
9 of fishing, hunting, and trapping licenses and permits that
10 the tax collector is allowed to sell. The following are
11 requirements for subagents:

12 (a) Each subagent must serve at the pleasure of the
13 county tax collector.

14 (b) Neither an employee of the county tax collector
15 nor her or his relative or next of kin, by blood or otherwise,
16 may be appointed as a subagent.

17 (c) The tax collector may require each subagent to
18 post an appropriate bond as determined by the tax collector,
19 using an insurance company acceptable to the tax collector.
20 In lieu of such bond, the tax collector may purchase blanket
21 bonds covering all or selected subagents or may allow a
22 subagent to post such other security as is required by the tax
23 collector.

24 (d) A subagent may sell licenses and permits as are
25 determined by the tax collector at such specific locations
26 within the county and in states contiguous to Florida as will
27 best serve the public interest and convenience in obtaining
28 licenses and permits. The commission may uniformly prohibit
29 subagents from selling certain licenses or permits.

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1 (e) It is unlawful for any person to handle licenses
2 or permits for a fee or compensation of any kind unless she or
3 he has been appointed as a subagent.

4 (f) Any person who willfully violates any of the
5 provisions of this law is guilty of a misdemeanor of the
6 second degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s.
7 775.083.

8 (g) A subagent may charge and receive as her or his
9 compensation 50 cents for each license or permit sold. This
10 charge is in addition to the sum required by law to be
11 collected for the sale and issuance of each license or permit.

12 (h) A subagent shall submit payment for and report the
13 sale of licenses and permits to the tax collector as
14 prescribed by the tax collector but no less frequently than
15 monthly.

16 (i) Subagents shall submit an activity report for
17 sales made during the reporting period on forms prescribed or
18 approved by the commission. Periodic audits may be performed
19 at the discretion of the commission.

20 (2) If a tax collector elects not to appoint
21 subagents, the commission may appoint subagents within that
22 county. Subagents shall serve at the pleasure of the
23 commission. The commission may establish, by rule, procedures
24 for selection of subagents. The following are requirements
25 for subagents so appointed:

26 (a) The commission may require each subagent to post
27 an appropriate bond as determined by the commission, using an
28 insurance company acceptable to the commission. In lieu of
29 the bond, the commission may purchase blanket bonds covering
30 all or selected subagents or may allow a subagent to post
31 other security as required by the commission.

1 (b) A subagent may sell licenses and permits as
2 authorized by the commission at specific locations within the
3 county and in states as will best serve the public interest
4 and convenience in obtaining licenses and permits. The
5 commission may prohibit subagents from selling certain
6 licenses or permits.

7 (c) It is unlawful for any person to handle licenses
8 or permits for a fee or compensation of any kind unless he or
9 she has been appointed as a subagent.

10 (d) Any person who willfully violates any of the
11 provisions of this section commits a misdemeanor of the second
12 degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083.

13 (e) A subagent may charge and receive as his or her
14 compensation 50 cents for each license or permit sold. This
15 charge is in addition to the sum required by law to be
16 collected for the sale and issuance of each license or permit.
17 In addition, no later than July 1, 1997, a subagent fee for
18 the sale of licenses over the telephone by credit card shall
19 be established by competitive bid procedures which are
20 overseen by the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission. A
21 fee for electronic license sales may be established by
22 competitive-bid procedures that are overseen by the Fish and
23 Wildlife Conservation Commission.

24 (f) A subagent shall submit payment for and report the
25 sale of licenses and permits to the commission as prescribed
26 by the commission.

27 (g) Subagents shall maintain records of all licenses
28 and permits sold ~~and all stamps issued~~, voided, stolen, or
29 lost. Subagents are responsible to the commission for the
30 fees for all licenses and permits sold and for the value of
31 all licenses and permits ~~stamps~~ reported as lost. Subagents

1 must report all stolen licenses and permits ~~validation stamps~~
2 to the appropriate law enforcement agency. The subagent shall
3 submit a written report and a copy of the law enforcement
4 agency's report to the commission within 5 days after
5 discovering the theft. ~~The value of a lost validation stamp is~~
6 ~~\$5.~~

7 (h) Subagents shall submit an activity report for
8 sales made during the reporting period on forms prescribed or
9 approved by the commission. Periodic audits may be performed
10 at the discretion of the commission.

11 (i) By July 15 of each year, each subagent shall
12 submit to the commission all unissued stamps for the previous
13 year along with a written audit report, on forms prescribed or
14 approved by the commission, on the numbers of the unissued
15 stamps.

16 (3) The Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission or
17 any other law enforcement agency may carry out any
18 investigation necessary to secure information required to
19 carry out and enforce this section.

20 (4)~~(3)~~ All social security numbers that ~~which~~ are
21 provided pursuant to ss. 372.561 and 372.57 and are contained
22 in records of any subagent appointed under ~~pursuant to~~ this
23 section are confidential as provided in those sections.

24 Section 6. Section 372.66, Florida Statutes, is
25 amended to read:

26 372.66 License required for fur and hide dealers.--

27 (1) It is unlawful for any person to engage in the
28 business of a dealer or buyer in alligator skins or green or
29 dried furs in the state or purchase such skins within the
30 state until such person has been licensed as herein provided.

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1 (2) Any resident dealer or buyer who solicits business
2 through the mails, or by advertising, or who travels to buy or
3 employs or has other agents or buyers, shall be deemed a
4 resident state dealer and must ~~shall be required to~~ pay a
5 license fee of \$100 per annum ~~and shall pay an agent's license~~
6 ~~fee of \$5 per annum for each agent or traveling buyer employed~~
7 ~~by or buying for such licensed state dealer.~~

8 ~~(3) Any resident dealer or buyer who does not solicit~~
9 ~~by mail, advertise, travel to buy or employ or have agents or~~
10 ~~traveling buyers shall be deemed a resident local dealer and~~
11 ~~shall be required to pay a license fee of \$10 per annum.~~

12 ~~(3)(4)~~ A nonresident dealer or buyer must ~~shall be~~
13 ~~required to~~ pay a license fee of \$500 per annum ~~and shall pay~~
14 ~~a license fee of \$100 per annum for each agent, resident buyer~~
15 ~~or traveling buyer employed by or buying for or acting as~~
16 ~~agent for such nonresident buyer.~~

17 ~~(5) All agents' licenses shall be applied for by, and~~
18 ~~issued to, a resident state dealer or nonresident dealer and~~
19 ~~shall show name and residence of such agent and shall be in~~
20 ~~possession of such agent at all times when engaged in buying~~
21 ~~furs or hides. Application for such licenses shall be made to~~
22 ~~the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission on blanks~~
23 ~~furnished by it.~~

24 ~~(4)(6)~~ All dealers and buyers shall forward to the
25 Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission each 2 weeks during
26 open season a report showing number and kind of hides bought
27 and name of trapper from whom bought and the trapper's license
28 number, or if trapper is exempt from license under any of the
29 provisions of this chapter, such report shall show the nature
30 of such exemption. A No common carrier may not ~~shall~~
31 knowingly ship or transport or receive for transportation any

1 hides or furs unless such shipments have marked thereon name
2 of shipper and the number of her or his fur-animal license or
3 fur dealer's license.

4 Section 7. Section 372.571, Florida Statutes, is
5 amended to read:

6 372.571 Expiration of licenses and permits.--Each
7 license or permit issued under this chapter must be dated when
8 issued. Each license or permit issued under this chapter
9 remains valid for 12 months after the date of issuance, except
10 for a lifetime license issued pursuant to s. 372.57 which is
11 valid from the date of issuance until the death of the
12 individual to whom the license is issued unless otherwise
13 revoked in accordance with s. 372.99, or a 5-year license
14 issued pursuant to s. 372.57 which is valid for 5 consecutive
15 years from the date of purchase unless otherwise revoked in
16 accordance with s. 372.99 or a license issued pursuant to s.
17 372.57(2)(b) or (j)~~(g)~~, which is valid for the period
18 specified on the license or a license issued pursuant to s.
19 372.57(6)(b)2., which expires on May 30. A resident lifetime
20 license or a resident 5-year license that has been purchased
21 by a resident of this state and who subsequently resides in
22 another state shall be honored for activities authorized by
23 that license.

24 Section 8. Subsection (1) of section 372.5712, Florida
25 Statutes, is amended to read:

26 372.5712 Florida waterfowl permit revenues.--

27 (1) The commission shall expend the revenues generated
28 from the sale of the Florida waterfowl permit as provided in
29 s. 372.57(6)(a)~~s. 372.57(4)(a)~~ or that pro rata portion of
30 any license that includes waterfowl hunting privileges, as
31 provided in s. 372.57(2)(1)~~s. 372.57(2)(i) and (14)(b)~~ as

1 follows: A maximum of 5 percent of the gross revenues shall
2 be expended for administrative costs; a maximum of 25 percent
3 of the gross revenues shall be expended for waterfowl research
4 approved by the commission; and a maximum of 70 percent of the
5 gross revenues shall be expended for projects approved by the
6 commission, in consultation with the Waterfowl Advisory
7 Council, for the purpose of protecting and propagating
8 migratory waterfowl and for the development, restoration,
9 maintenance, and preservation of wetlands within the state.

10 Section 9. Subsection (1) of section 372.5715, Florida
11 Statutes, is amended to read:

12 372.5715 Florida wild turkey permit revenues.--

13 (1) The commission shall expend the revenues generated
14 from the sale of the turkey permit as provided for in s.
15 372.57(6)(e)~~s. 372.57(4)(e)~~ or that pro rata portion of any
16 license that includes turkey hunting privileges as provided
17 for in s. 372.57(2)(1)~~s. 372.57(2)(i) and (14)(b)~~ for
18 research and management of wild turkeys.

19 Section 10. Section 372.573, Florida Statutes, is
20 amended to read:

21 372.573 Management area permit revenues.--The
22 commission shall expend the revenue generated from the sale of
23 the management area permit as provided for in s. 372.57(6)(b)
24 ~~s. 372.57(4)(b)~~ or that pro rata portion of any license that
25 includes management area privileges as provided for in s.
26 372.57(2)(1)~~s. 372.57(2)(i) and (14)(b)~~ for the lease,
27 management, and protection of lands for public hunting,
28 fishing, and other outdoor recreation.

29 Section 11. Section 372.661, Florida Statutes, is
30 amended to read:

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1 372.661 Private hunting preserve, license;
2 exception.--
3 (1) Any person who operates a private hunting preserve
4 commercially or otherwise shall ~~be required to~~ pay a license
5 fee of \$25 for each such preserve; ~~provided, however, that~~
6 during the open season established for wild game of any
7 species, a private individual may take artificially propagated
8 game of such species up to the bag limit prescribed for the
9 particular species without being required to pay the license
10 fee required by this section, ~~but; provided further that~~ if
11 any such individual charges ~~shall charge~~ a fee for taking such
12 game, she or he must ~~shall be required to~~ pay the license fee
13 required by this section and must ~~to~~ comply with the rules and
14 regulations of the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission
15 relative to the operation of private hunting preserves.
16 (2) A commercial hunting preserve license, which
17 exempts ~~shall exempt~~ patrons of licensed preserves from the
18 licensure requirements of s. 372.57(2), (d), (f), (h), (i),
19 (j), and (l), ~~s. 372.57(2)(e), (f), (g), and (i), (4)(a), (c),~~
20 ~~(d), and (e), (7), (9), and (14)(b)~~ while hunting on the
21 licensed preserve property, shall be \$500. Such a commercial
22 hunting preserve license is ~~shall be~~ available only to those
23 private hunting preserves licensed under ~~pursuant to~~ this
24 section which are operated exclusively for commercial
25 purposes, which are open to the public, and for which a
26 uniform fee is charged to patrons for hunting privileges.
27 Section 12. Section 372.83, Florida Statutes, is
28 amended to read:
29 372.83 Noncriminal infractions; criminal penalties;
30 suspension and revocation of licenses and permits.--
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1 (1) A person is guilty of a noncriminal infraction,
2 punishable as provided in s. 372.711, if she or he violates
3 any of the following provisions:

4 (a) Rules, regulations, or orders relating to the
5 filing of reports or other documents required of persons who
6 are licensed or who hold permits issued by the commission.

7 (b) Rules, regulations, or orders relating to fish
8 management areas.

9 (c) Rules, regulations, or orders relating to quota
10 hunt permits, daily use permits, hunting zone assignments,
11 camping restrictions, the use of alcoholic beverages, vehicle
12 use, and check station requirements within wildlife management
13 areas or other areas managed by the commission.

14 (d) Rules, regulations, or orders requiring permits
15 free of charge to possess captive wildlife for personal use.

16 (e) Rules, regulations, or orders establishing size or
17 slot limits for freshwater game fish.

18 (f) Rules, regulations, or orders regulating vessel
19 size or specifying motor restrictions on specified water
20 bodies.

21 (g) Rules, regulations, or orders relating to the
22 registration of off-road vehicles and airboats operated on
23 state lands.

24 (h) Section 372.57, relating to hunting, fishing, and
25 trapping licenses.

26 (i) Section 372.988, relating to required clothing for
27 persons hunting deer.

28 (j) Section 370.1111, relating to snook permits, or s.
29 370.14(10)(a), relating to crawfish permits.

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1 A person who fails to pay the civil penalty specified in s.
2 372.711 within 30 days after being cited for a noncriminal
3 infraction or to appear before the court pursuant to that
4 section is guilty of a misdemeanor of the second degree,
5 punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083.

6 (2) A person is guilty of a misdemeanor of the second
7 degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083, if
8 she or he violates any of the following rules, regulations, or
9 orders of the commission:

10 (a) Rules, regulations, or orders that specify season
11 or time periods for the taking of freshwater fish or wildlife.

12 (b) Rules, regulations, or orders that specify bag
13 limits or restrict methods of taking freshwater fish or
14 wildlife.

15 (c) Rules, regulations, or orders that relate to the
16 sale, possession for sale, purchase, transfer, transportation,
17 or importation of freshwater fish or wildlife.

18 (d) Rules, regulations, or orders that prohibit public
19 access for specified periods to wildlife management areas or
20 other areas managed by the commission.

21 (e) Rules, regulations, or orders that require a
22 person to pay a fee to obtain a permit to possess captive
23 wildlife or that require the maintenance of records relating
24 to captive wildlife.

25 (f) All other rules, regulations, and orders of the
26 commission, except those specified in subsection (1).

27 (3) It is unlawful for any person to make, forge,
28 counterfeit, or reproduce a freshwater fishing, hunting, or
29 saltwater fishing license unless authorized by the commission.
30 It is unlawful for any person to knowingly have in his or her
31 possession a forgery, counterfeit, or imitation of such a

1 license unless possession by the person has been fully
2 authorized by the commission. A person who violates this
3 subsection commits a felony of the third degree, punishable as
4 provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084.

5 (4)~~(3)~~ Unless otherwise provided in this chapter, a
6 person who violates any provision of this chapter is guilty,
7 for the first offense, of a misdemeanor of the second degree,
8 punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083, and is
9 guilty, for the second offense or any subsequent offense, of a
10 misdemeanor of the first degree, punishable as provided in s.
11 775.082 or s. 775.083.

12 (5)~~(4)~~ The court may order the suspension or
13 revocation of any license or permit issued to a person
14 pursuant to this chapter, if that person commits a criminal
15 offense specified in this chapter or a noncriminal infraction
16 specified in this section.

17 Section 13. Subsections (7) and (15) of section
18 328.72, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

19 328.72 Classification; registration; fees and charges;
20 surcharge; disposition of fees; fines; marine turtle
21 stickers.--

22 (7) SERVICE FEE.--In addition to other registration
23 fees, the vessel owner shall pay ~~the tax collector~~ a \$2.25
24 service fee for each registration issued, replaced, or
25 renewed. All fees collected by a tax collector, other than
26 the service charge and the county portion of the registration
27 certificate fee collected pursuant to subsection (1),
28 ~~collected by a tax collector~~ must be remitted to the
29 department not later than 7 working days following the last
30 day of the week in which the money was collected ~~remitted~~.
31 Vessels may travel in salt water or fresh water.

1 (15) DISTRIBUTION OF FEES.--The county portion of the
2 registration certificate fee collected ~~Moneys deposited~~
3 pursuant to subsection (1) is to be used ~~s. 328.76 to be~~
4 ~~returned to the counties are~~ for the sole purposes of
5 providing recreational channel marking and public launching
6 facilities and other boating-related activities, for removal
7 of vessels and floating structures deemed a hazard to public
8 safety and health for failure to comply with s. 327.53, and
9 for manatee and marine mammal protection and recovery. The
10 county portion of the vessel registration certificate fee
11 collected by the Fast Title Section of the Bureau of Titles
12 and Registrations of the Department of Highway Safety and
13 Motor Vehicles must be returned to the county where the vessel
14 is registered.~~The department shall ascertain, as a guideline~~
15 ~~in determining the amounts of distributions each county may~~
16 ~~receive, the number of noncommercial vessels registered in the~~
17 ~~county during the preceding fiscal year according to the fee~~
18 ~~schedule provided in subsection (1) and shall promulgate rules~~
19 ~~to effectuate this. Each fiscal year, prior to determination~~
20 ~~of distributions to the counties under this section, an amount~~
21 ~~equal to \$1 for each vessel registered in this state shall be~~
22 ~~transferred to the Save the Manatee Trust Fund for manatee and~~
23 ~~marine mammal research, protection, and recovery.~~

24 Section 14. Subsection (1) of section 328.76, Florida
25 Statutes, is amended to read:

26 328.76 Marine Resources Conservation Trust Fund;
27 vessel registration funds; appropriation and distribution.--

28 (1) Except as otherwise specified in this chapter and
29 less any administrative costs, all funds collected from the
30 registration of vessels through the Department of Highway
31 Safety and Motor Vehicles and the tax collectors of the state

1 shall be deposited in the Marine Resources Conservation Trust
2 Fund for recreational channel marking; public launching
3 facilities; law enforcement and quality control programs;
4 aquatic weed control; manatee protection, recovery, rescue,
5 rehabilitation, and release; and marine mammal protection and
6 recovery. The funds collected pursuant to s. 328.72(1) shall
7 be transferred as follows:

8 (a) In each fiscal year, an amount equal to \$1 for
9 each vessel registered in this state shall be transferred to
10 the Save the Manatee Trust Fund for manatee and marine mammal
11 research, protection, and recovery in accordance with the
12 provisions of s. 370.12(4)(a).

13 (b) In addition, in each fiscal year, an amount equal
14 to 50 cents for each vessel registered in this state shall be
15 transferred to the Save the Manatee Trust Fund in accordance
16 with the provisions of s. 370.12(4)(b) for use by those
17 facilities approved to rescue, rehabilitate, and release
18 manatees as authorized pursuant to the Fish and Wildlife
19 Service of the United States Department of the Interior.

20 (c) Two dollars from each noncommercial vessel
21 registration fee, except that for class A-1 vessels, shall be
22 transferred to the Invasive Plant Control Trust Fund for
23 aquatic weed research and control.

24 (d) Forty percent of the registration fees from
25 commercial vessels shall be used for law enforcement and
26 quality control programs.

27 (e) Forty percent of the registration fees from
28 commercial vessels shall be transferred to the Invasive Plant
29 Control Trust Fund for aquatic plant research and control.

30 Section 15. Subsection (3) of section 370.06, Florida
31 Statutes, is amended to read:

1 370.06 Licenses.--

2 (3) NET LICENSES.--Except for cast nets and bait
3 seines which are 100 feet in length or less and which have a
4 mesh that is 3/8 inch or less, all nets used to take
5 finfish, including, but not limited to, gill nets, trammel
6 nets, and beach seines, must be licensed or registered. Each
7 net used to take finfish for commercial purposes, or by a
8 nonresident, must be licensed under a saltwater products
9 license issued pursuant to subsection (2) and must bear the
10 number of such license. ~~A noncommercial resident net~~
11 ~~registration must be issued to each net used to take finfish~~
12 ~~for noncommercial purposes and may only be issued to residents~~
13 ~~of the state. Each net so registered must bear the name of the~~
14 ~~person in whose name the net is registered.~~

15 Section 16. Sections 370.0605, 370.0615, and 370.0608,
16 Florida Statutes, are repealed.

17 Section 17. This act shall take effect July 1, 2000.

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1 STATEMENT OF SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES CONTAINED IN
2 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
3 Senate Bill 386

4 The committee substitute makes a number of technical changes
5 to correct inconsistencies and conflicts that resulted when
6 the provisions of ch. 370, F.S., relating to saltwater fishing
7 licenses, were merged with the freshwater fishing license
8 provisions in ch. 372, F.S. In addition, the following
9 substantive changes were included:

- 10 1. Provides that the proceeds from all of the lifetime
11 licenses are to be deposited into the Lifetime Fish and
12 Wildlife Trust Fund.
- 13 2. Provides that the license exemption for retired persons
14 will correspond to the Social Security eligibility
15 provisions.
- 16 3. Incorporates the noncommercial lifetime saltwater
17 fishing license provisions in ch. 372, F.S.
- 18 4. Section 370.0608, F.S., relating to the deposit of
19 certain saltwater fishing license revenues and the
20 allocations for the use of those revenues is repealed
21 and recreated as s. 372.5701, F.S.
- 22 5. Clarifies that the tax collectors may continue to retain
23 \$1.50 for each saltwater fishing license sold and \$1 for
24 each freshwater fishing and hunting license sold.
- 25 6. Clarifies the provisions relating to the exemption for
26 disabled persons.
- 27 7. Deletes some duplicative and conflicting penalty
28 provisions.
- 29 8. Amends s. 372.83, F.S., to provide that violations of
30 snook and crawfish permits are noncriminal infractions.
- 31 9. Amends s. 328.72, F.S., to provide that the service fee
and the county's portion of the vessel registration fee
will remain in the county where it was collected instead
of being remitted to the Department of Revenue. Also,
the county portion of the vessel registration
certificate fee collected by the Fast Title Section of
the Bureau of Titles and Registration of the Department
of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles must be returned to
the county where the vessel is registered.
10. Amends s. 370.06(3), F.S., to delete obsolete language
relating to registration requirements for certain nets.
11. Repeals ss. 370.0605 and 370.0608, F.S., relating to
noncommercial saltwater fishing licenses. Such
provisions have been merge in ch. 372, F.S.