

By Senator Bronson

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1                                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to the Fish and Wildlife  
3           Conservation Commission; amending s. 372.57,  
4           F.S.; eliminating requirements for the use of  
5           certain fees to subsidize the private landowner  
6           payment program; providing an effective date.

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

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10           Section 1. Paragraph (b) of subsection (4) of section  
11   372.57, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

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

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

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

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 recreational  
16 user permit fee so as to decrease the permit fee for the users  
17 of that property.~~One minor dependent child, 16 years old or  
18 under, per permittee may hunt under the supervision of the  
19 permittee and is exempt from the permit fee. The spouse and  
20 dependent children of a permittee are exempt from the permit  
21 fee when engaged in outdoor recreational activities other than  
22 hunting in the company of the permittee. Notwithstanding any  
23 other provision of this chapter, there are no other  
24 exclusions, exceptions, or exemptions from this permit fee.  
25 The recreational user permit fee, less an administrative  
26 permit fee of up to \$25 per permit, shall be remitted to the  
27 landowner as provided in the lease agreement for each area.

28           Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2001.  
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SENATE SUMMARY

Revises provisions relating to the permit fee for property in the private landowner payment program under the jurisdiction of the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.