

By the Fiscal Responsibility Council and Representative  
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1                                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to the recreational user permit  
3           fee; amending s. 372.57, F.S.; revising  
4           provisions relating to the recreational user  
5           permit fee to hunt, fish, or otherwise use  
6           certain land leased from private owners;  
7           removing a provision that provides for  
8           reduction of the permit fee based on the prior  
9           year's landowner payment for certain property  
10          in the private landowner payment program;  
11          providing an effective date.

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

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15           Section 1. Paragraph (b) of subsection (4) of section  
16 372.57, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

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

1 freshwater fish, or fur-bearing animals. The failure of such  
2 person to exhibit such license, permit, or authorization to  
3 the commission or its wildlife officers, when such person is  
4 found taking game, freshwater fish, or fur-bearing animals, is  
5 a violation of law. A positive form of identification is  
6 required when using an authorization, a lifetime license, a  
7 5-year license, or when otherwise required by the license or  
8 permit. The lifetime licenses and 5-year licenses provided  
9 herein shall be embossed with the name, date of birth, date of  
10 issuance, and other pertinent information as deemed necessary  
11 by the commission. A certified copy of the applicant's birth  
12 certificate shall accompany each application for a lifetime  
13 license for a resident 12 years of age or younger. Each  
14 applicant for a license, permit, or authorization shall  
15 provide the applicant's social security number on the  
16 application form. Disclosure of social security numbers  
17 obtained through this requirement shall be limited to the  
18 purpose of administration of the Title IV-D child support  
19 enforcement program and use by the commission, and as  
20 otherwise provided by law.

21 (4) In addition to any license required by this  
22 chapter, the following permits and fees for certain hunting,  
23 fishing, and recreational uses, and the activities authorized  
24 thereby, are:

25 (b)1. Management area permits to hunt, fish, or  
26 otherwise use for outdoor recreational purposes, land owned,  
27 leased, or managed by the commission or the State of Florida  
28 for the use and benefit of the commission, up to \$25 annually.  
29 Permits, and fees thereof, for short-term use of land which is  
30 owned, leased, or managed by the commission may be established  
31 by rule of the commission for any activity on such lands.

1 Such permits and fees may be in lieu of or in addition to the  
2 annual management area permit. Other than for hunting or  
3 fishing, the provisions of this paragraph shall not apply on  
4 any lands not owned by the commission, unless the commission  
5 shall have obtained the written consent of the owner or  
6 primary custodian of such lands.

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

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

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HOUSE SUMMARY

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Revises provisions relating to the recreational user permit fee to hunt, fish, or otherwise use certain land leased from private owners. Removes a provision that provides for reduction of the permit fee based on the prior year's landowner payment for certain property in the private landowner payment program.

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