

SENATE STAFF ANALYSIS AND ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT

(This document is based on the provisions contained in the legislation as of the latest date listed below.)

BILL: SB 32C

SPONSOR: Senator Clary

SUBJECT: Commercial Vessel Registration Fees

DATE: November 27, 2001 REVISED: _____

	ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR	REFERENCE	ACTION
1.	Hendon	Revell	AP	Favorable
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I. Summary:

The bill substantially amends ss. 328.72 and 328.76, F.S.

II. Present Situation:

Under Ch. 2000-362, Laws of Florida, effective July 1, 2001, counties receive a portion of the registration fees paid to the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles for commercial vessels. Prior to the 2000 session, the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission received the fees paid by commercial vessels.

III. Effect of Proposed Changes:

Section 1. Amends s. 328.72 F.S. to state that the county portion of vessel registration fees is derived from recreational vessels only. This section also clarifies that the first \$1 of the county share of fees will be deposited in the Save the Manatee Trust Fund.

Section 2. Amends s. 328.76, F.S. to clarify that \$1.50 of both the commercial and recreational vessel registration fees are deposited in the Save the Manatee Trust Fund.

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

IV. Constitutional Issues:

A. Municipality/County Mandates Restrictions:

None.

B. Public Records/Open Meetings Issues:

None.

C. Trust Funds Restrictions:

None.

V. Economic Impact and Fiscal Note:

A. Tax/Fee Issues:

None.

B. Private Sector Impact:

None.

C. Government Sector Impact:

State Government:

Under current projections, the bill will result in an additional \$1.3 million deposited annually in the Save the Manatee Trust Fund. Such funds are used by the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission primarily for law enforcement activities.

Local Government:

Under current projections, statewide the counties would not receive additional fee revenue of approximately \$1.3 million annually.

VI. Technical Deficiencies:

None.

VII. Related Issues:

None.

VIII. Amendments:

None.