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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to marine fisheries; amending s. 370.14, F.S.; requiring certain persons to obtain and exhibit a crawfish trap number for certain purposes; providing a fee; specifying use of a portion of the fee; correcting a reference; amending s. 370.143, F.S.; including crawfish traps under a Fish and Wildlife Commission trap retrieval program; including crawfish traps under a commission authorization to waive certain trap retrieval fees under certain circumstances; amending s. 372.57, F.S.; providing a fee for certain freshwater fishing licenses for nonresidents; increasing fees for certain fishing licenses for nonresidents; amending ss. 372.571 and 372.661, F.S.; correcting cross references, to conform; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Subsections (2) and (6) of section 370.14, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

370.14 Crawfish; regulation.--

(2)(a) Each person ~~trap used for~~ taking or attempting to take crawfish with must have a trap in commercial quantities or for commercial purposes shall obtain and exhibit a crawfish trap number, as required by the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission. The fee for a crawfish trap number is \$125 ~~permanently attached to the trap and the buoy.~~ This trap number may be issued by the ~~Fish and Wildlife Conservation~~ commission upon the receipt of application by the person when ~~owner of the~~

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30 ~~traps and~~ accompanied by the payment of a fee of \$125 ~~\$100~~. The
 31 design of the application ~~applications~~ and of the trap number
 32 shall be determined by the commission. Any trap or device used
 33 in taking or attempting to take crawfish, other than a trap with
 34 the trap number attached as prescribed in this paragraph, shall
 35 be seized and destroyed by the commission. The proceeds of the
 36 fees imposed by this paragraph shall be deposited and used as
 37 provided in paragraph (b). The commission may adopt rules to
 38 carry out the intent of this section.

39 (b) Twenty-five dollars of the \$125 fee for a crawfish
 40 trap number required under paragraph (a) and subsection (6) must
 41 be used solely for trap retrieval as provided under s. 370.143.
 42 The remainder of the fees collected pursuant to paragraph (a)
 43 shall be deposited as follows:

44 1. Fifty percent of the fees collected shall be deposited
 45 in the Marine Resources Conservation Trust Fund for use in
 46 enforcing the provisions of paragraph (a) through aerial and
 47 other surveillance and trap retrieval.

48 2. Fifty percent of the fees collected shall be deposited
 49 as provided in s. 370.142(5)~~(6)~~.

50 (6) A person who takes more crawfish per boat or per
 51 person than that number set therefor by rule of the Fish and
 52 Wildlife Conservation Commission for recreational harvesters
 53 within any 24-hour period by any method other than with traps or
 54 similar devices must also pay a fee of \$125 ~~\$100~~ and obtain a
 55 trap number to be displayed on his or her boat.

56 Section 2. Subsections (1) and (2) of section 370.143,
 57 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

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58 370.143 Retrieval of lobster, crawfish, and stone crab
59 traps during closed season; commission authority; fees.--

60 (1) The Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission is
61 authorized to implement a trap retrieval program for retrieval
62 of lobster, crawfish, and stone crab traps remaining in the
63 water during the closed season for each species. The commission
64 is authorized to contract with outside agents for the program
65 operation.

66 (2) A retrieval fee of \$10 per trap retrieved shall be
67 assessed trap owners. However, for persons holding a crawfish
68 trap number or a stone crab endorsement issued under rule of the
69 Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, the retrieval fee
70 shall be waived for the first five traps retrieved per such
71 number or endorsement. Traps recovered under this program shall
72 become the property of the commission or its contract agent, as
73 determined by the commission, and shall be either destroyed or
74 resold to the original owner. Revenue from retrieval fees shall
75 be deposited in the Marine Resources Conservation Trust Fund and
76 used solely for operation of the trap retrieval program.

77 Section 3. Subsection (5) of section 372.57, Florida
78 Statutes, is amended to read:

79 372.57 Recreational licenses, permits, and authorization
80 numbers; fees established.--

81 (5) NONRESIDENT HUNTING AND FISHING LICENSES.--The
82 licenses and fees for nonresidents participating in hunting and
83 fishing activities in the state are as follows:

84 (a) Freshwater fishing license to take freshwater fish for
85 3 consecutive days, \$15.

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86 (b)~~(a)~~ Freshwater fishing license to take freshwater fish
 87 for 7 consecutive days, \$24 ~~\$15~~.

88 (c)~~(b)~~ Saltwater fishing license to take saltwater fish
 89 for 3 consecutive days, \$15 ~~\$5~~.

90 (d)~~(e)~~ Saltwater fishing license to take saltwater fish
 91 for 7 consecutive days, \$24 ~~\$15~~.

92 (e)~~(d)~~ Annual freshwater fishing license, \$36 ~~\$30~~.

93 (f)~~(e)~~ Annual saltwater fishing license, \$36 ~~\$30~~.

94 (g)~~(f)~~ Hunting license to take game for 10 consecutive
 95 days, \$45.

96 (h)~~(g)~~ Annual hunting license to take game, \$150.

97 (i)~~(h)~~ Annual license to take fur-bearing animals, \$25.

98 However, a nonresident with a valid Florida hunting license who
 99 is taking fur-bearing animals for noncommercial purposes using
 100 guns or dogs only, and not traps or other devices, is not
 101 required to purchase this license.

102 Section 4. Section 372.571, Florida Statutes, is amended
 103 to read:

104 372.571 Expiration of licenses and permits.--Each license
 105 or permit issued under this chapter must be dated when issued.
 106 Each license or permit issued under this chapter remains valid
 107 for 12 months after the date of issuance, except for a lifetime
 108 license issued pursuant to s. 372.57 which is valid from the
 109 date of issuance until the death of the individual to whom the
 110 license is issued unless otherwise revoked in accordance with s.
 111 372.99, or a 5-year license issued pursuant to s. 372.57 which
 112 is valid for 5 consecutive years from the date of purchase
 113 unless otherwise revoked in accordance with s. 372.99, or a
 114 license issued pursuant to s. 372.57(5)(a), (b), (c), (d), or

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115 (g)~~(f)~~ or (8)(g) or (h)2., which is valid for the period
 116 specified on the license. A resident lifetime license or a
 117 resident 5-year license that has been purchased by a resident of
 118 this state and who subsequently resides in another state shall
 119 be honored for activities authorized by that license.

120 Section 5. Subsection (2) of section 372.661, Florida
 121 Statutes, is amended to read:

122 372.661 Private hunting preserve license fees;
 123 exception.--

124 (2) A commercial hunting preserve license, which shall
 125 exempt patrons of licensed preserves from the license and permit
 126 requirements of s. 372.57(4)(c), (d), (f), (h), and (i);
 127 (5)(g)~~(f)~~ and (h)~~(g)~~; (8)(a), (b), (e), and (f); (9)(a)2.; (11);
 128 and (12) while hunting on the licensed preserve property, shall
 129 be \$500. Such commercial hunting preserve license shall be
 130 available only to those private hunting preserves licensed
 131 pursuant to this section which are operated exclusively for
 132 commercial purposes, which are open to the public, and for which
 133 a uniform fee is charged to patrons for hunting privileges.

134 Section 6. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.