

By the Committee on Government Efficiency Appropriations; and
Senators Atwater and Fasano

593-2216-05

1 A bill to be entitled

2 An act relating to recreational licenses and

3 permits; amending s. 372.57, F.S.; providing

4 for a military gold sportsman's license;

5 providing for an annual fee; providing

6 authorizations allowed under license; providing

7 eligibility requirements; amending ss.

8 372.5712, 372.5715, and 372.573, F.S.;

9 providing for uses of specified pro rata

10 portions of revenue generated from the military

11 gold sportsman's license; amending s. 372.661,

12 F.S.; exempting patrons of licensed hunting

13 preserves from the license and permit

14 requirements of the military gold sportsman's

15 license while hunting on the licensed preserve

16 property; providing an effective date.

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

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20 Section 1. Paragraph (j) is added to subsection (4) of

21 section 372.57, Florida Statutes, to read:

22 372.57 Recreational licenses, permits, and

23 authorization numbers; fees established.--

24 (4) RESIDENT HUNTING AND FISHING LICENSES.--The

25 licenses and fees for residents participating in hunting and

26 fishing activities in this state are as follows:

27 (j) Annual military gold sportsman's license, \$18.50.

28 The gold sportsman's license authorizes the person to whom it

29 is issued to take freshwater fish, saltwater fish, and game,

30 subject to the state and federal laws, rules, and regulations,

31 including rules of the commission, in effect at the time of

1 taking. Other authorized activities include activities
2 authorized by a management area permit, a muzzle-loading gun
3 permit, a turkey permit, a Florida waterfowl permit, an
4 archery permit, a snook permit, and a crawfish permit. Any
5 resident who is an active or retired member of the United
6 States Armed Forces, the United States Armed Forces Reserve,
7 the National Guard, the United States Coast Guard, or the
8 United States Coast Guard Reserve is eligible to purchase the
9 military gold sportsman's license upon submission of a current
10 military identification card.

11 Section 2. Subsection (1) of section 372.5712, Florida
12 Statutes, is amended to read:

13 372.5712 Florida waterfowl permit revenues.--

14 (1) The commission shall expend the revenues generated
15 from the sale of the Florida waterfowl permit as provided in
16 s. 372.57(8)(a) or that pro rata portion of any license that
17 includes waterfowl hunting privileges, as provided in s.
18 372.57(4)(h), (i), and (j) and (9)(a)3. ~~s. 372.57(4)(h) and~~
19 ~~(i) and (9)(a)3.~~ as follows: A maximum of 5 percent of the
20 gross revenues shall be expended for administrative costs; a
21 maximum of 25 percent of the gross revenues shall be expended
22 for waterfowl research approved by the commission; and a
23 maximum of 70 percent of the gross revenues shall be expended
24 for projects approved by the commission, in consultation with
25 the Waterfowl Advisory Council, for the purpose of protecting
26 and propagating migratory waterfowl and for the development,
27 restoration, maintenance, and preservation of wetlands within
28 the state.

29 Section 3. Subsection (1) of section 372.5715, Florida
30 Statutes, is amended to read:

31 372.5715 Florida wild turkey permit revenues.--

1 (1) The commission shall expend the revenues generated
2 from the sale of the turkey permit as provided for in s.
3 372.57(8)(b) or that pro rata portion of any license that
4 includes turkey hunting privileges as provided for in s.
5 372.57(4)(h), (i), and (j) ~~s. 372.57(4)(h) and (i)~~ for
6 research and management of wild turkeys.

7 Section 4. Section 372.573, Florida Statutes, is
8 amended to read:

9 372.573 Management area permit revenues.--The
10 commission shall expend the revenue generated from the sale of
11 the management area permit as provided for in s. 372.57(8)(h)
12 or that pro rata portion of any license that includes
13 management area privileges as provided for in s. 372.57(4)(h),
14 (i), and (j) ~~s. 372.57(4)(h) and (i)~~ for the lease,
15 management, and protection of lands for public hunting,
16 fishing, and other outdoor recreation.

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

19 372.661 Private hunting preserve license fees;
20 exception.--

21 (2) A commercial hunting preserve license, which shall
22 exempt patrons of licensed preserves from the license and
23 permit requirements of s. 372.57(4)(c), (d), (f), (h), (i),
24 and (j); (5)(f) and (g); (8)(a), (b), (e), and (f); (9)(a)2.;
25 (11); and (12) ~~s. 372.57(4)(c), (d), (f), (h), and (i); (5)(f)~~
26 ~~and (g); (8)(a), (b), (e), and (f); (9)(a)2.; (11); and (12)~~
27 while hunting on the licensed preserve property, shall be
28 \$500. Such commercial hunting preserve license shall be
29 available only to those private hunting preserves licensed
30 pursuant to this section which are operated exclusively for
31 commercial purposes, which are open to the public, and for

1 | which a uniform fee is charged to patrons for hunting
2 | privileges.

3 | Section 6. This act shall take effect upon becoming a
4 | law.

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6 | STATEMENT OF SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES CONTAINED IN
7 | COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
8 | Senate Bill 1610

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9 | Instead of providing an exemption from freshwater, saltwater
10 | and hunting licensing provisions for active and retired
11 | Florida military personnel, the committee substitute creates
12 | the annual military gold sportsman's license for \$18.50. The
13 | military gold sportsman's license covers all residential
14 | hunting and fishing licenses for such military personnel,
15 | including activities authorized by a management area,
16 | muzzle-loading gun, turkey, Florida waterfowl, archery, snook,
17 | and crawfish permit.

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