

By Senator Dockery

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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to state lands; amending s.  
253.71, F.S.; eliminating obsolete provisions  
relating to surcharges for the use of submerged  
lands; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subsection (2) of section  
253.71, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

253.71 The lease contract.--When the board has  
determined that the proposed lease is not incompatible with  
the public interest and that the applicant has demonstrated  
his or her capacity to perform the operations upon which the  
application is based, it may proceed to consummate a lease  
contract having the following features in addition to others  
deemed desirable by the board:

(2) RENTAL FEES.--

(a) The lease contract shall specify such amount of  
rental per acre of leased bottom as may be agreed to by the  
parties and shall take the form of fixed rental to be paid  
throughout the term of the lease. ~~Beginning January 1, 1990,~~  
A surcharge of \$5 per acre, or any fraction of an acre,  
per annum shall be levied upon each lease according to the  
guidelines set forth in s. 597.010(7). ~~Beginning January 1,~~  
~~2001, the surcharge shall be increased to \$10 per acre, or any~~  
~~fraction of an acre, per annum.~~

Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a  
law.

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SENATE SUMMARY

Removes obsolete provisions relating to surcharge fees  
for the use of submerged land.