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A bill to be entitled
 An act relating to recreational licenses and permits;
 amending s. 372.57, F.S.; providing for a military gold
 sportsman's license; providing for an annual fee;
 providing authorizations allowed under license; providing
 eligibility requirements; amending ss. 372.5712, 372.5715,
 and 372.573, F.S.; providing for uses of specified pro
 rata portions of revenue generated from the military gold
 sportsman's license; amending s. 372.661, F.S.; exempting
 patrons of licensed hunting preserves from the license and
 permit requirements of the military gold sportsman's
 license while hunting on the licensed preserve property;
 providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Paragraph (j) is added to subsection (4) of
 section 372.57, Florida Statutes, to read:

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

(4) RESIDENT HUNTING AND FISHING LICENSES.--The licenses
 and fees for residents participating in hunting and fishing
 activities in this state are as follows:

(j) Annual military gold sportsman's license, \$18.50. The
 gold sportsman's license authorizes the person to whom it is
 issued to take freshwater fish, saltwater fish, and game,
 subject to the state and federal laws, rules, and regulations,

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29 including rules of the commission, in effect at the time of
30 taking. Other authorized activities include activities
31 authorized by a management area permit, a muzzle-loading gun
32 permit, a turkey permit, a Florida waterfowl permit, an archery
33 permit, a snook permit, and a crawfish permit. Any resident who
34 is an active or retired member of the United States Armed
35 Forces, the United States Armed Forces Reserve, the National
36 Guard, the United States Coast Guard, or the United States Coast
37 Guard Reserve is eligible to purchase the military gold
38 sportsman's license upon submission of a current military
39 identification card.

40 Section 2. Section 372.5712, Florida Statutes, is amended
41 to read:

42 372.5712 Florida waterfowl permit revenues.--

43 (1) The commission shall expend the revenues generated
44 from the sale of the Florida waterfowl permit as provided in s.
45 372.57(8) (a) or that pro rata portion of any license that
46 includes waterfowl hunting privileges, as provided in s.
47 372.57(4) (h), ~~and (i)~~, and (j) and (9) (a)3. as follows: A
48 maximum of 5 percent of the gross revenues shall be expended for
49 administrative costs; a maximum of 25 percent of the gross
50 revenues shall be expended for waterfowl research approved by
51 the commission; and a maximum of 70 percent of the gross
52 revenues shall be expended for projects approved by the
53 commission, in consultation with the Waterfowl Advisory Council,
54 for the purpose of protecting and propagating migratory
55 waterfowl and for the development, restoration, maintenance, and
56 preservation of wetlands within the state.

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57 (2) The intent of this section is to expand waterfowl
58 research and management and increase waterfowl populations in
59 the state without detracting from other programs. The commission
60 shall prepare an annual report documenting the use of funds
61 generated under the provisions of this section, to be submitted
62 to the Governor, the Speaker of the House of Representatives,
63 and the President of the Senate on or before September 1 of each
64 year.

65 Section 3. Section 372.5715, Florida Statutes, is amended
66 to read:

67 372.5715 Florida wild turkey permit revenues.--

68 (1) The commission shall expend the revenues generated
69 from the sale of the turkey permit as provided for in s.
70 372.57(8)(b) or that pro rata portion of any license that
71 includes turkey hunting privileges as provided for in s.
72 372.57(4)(h), ~~and (i)~~, and (j) for research and management of
73 wild turkeys.

74 (2) The intent of this section is to expand wild turkey
75 research and management and to increase wild turkey populations
76 in the state without detracting from other programs. The
77 commission shall prepare an annual report documenting the use of
78 funds generated under the provisions of this section, to be
79 submitted to the Governor, the Speaker of the House of
80 Representatives, and the President of the Senate on or before
81 September 1 of each year.

82 Section 4. Section 372.573, Florida Statutes, is amended
83 to read:

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84 372.573 Management area permit revenues.--The commission
85 shall expend the revenue generated from the sale of the
86 management area permit as provided for in s. 372.57(8)(h) or
87 that pro rata portion of any license that includes management
88 area privileges as provided for in s. 372.57(4)(h), ~~and~~ (i), and
89 (j) for the lease, management, and protection of lands for
90 public hunting, fishing, and other outdoor recreation.

91 Section 5. Section 372.661, Florida Statutes, is amended
92 to read:

93 372.661 Private hunting preserve license fees;
94 exception.--

95 (1) Any person who operates a private hunting preserve
96 commercially or otherwise shall be required to pay a license fee
97 of \$70 for each such preserve; provided, however, that during
98 the open season established for wild game of any species a
99 private individual may take artificially propagated game of such
100 species up to the bag limit prescribed for the particular
101 species without being required to pay the license fee required
102 by this section; provided further that if any such individual
103 shall charge a fee for taking such game she or he shall be
104 required to pay the license fee required by this section and to
105 comply with the rules of the commission relative to the
106 operation of private hunting preserves.

107 (2) A commercial hunting preserve license, which shall
108 exempt patrons of licensed preserves from the license and permit
109 requirements of s. 372.57(4)(c), (d), (f), (h), ~~and~~ (i), and
110 (j); (5)(f) and (g); (8)(a), (b), (e), and (f); (9)(a)2.; (11);
111 and (12) while hunting on the licensed preserve property, shall

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112 | be \$500. Such commercial hunting preserve license shall be
113 | available only to those private hunting preserves licensed
114 | pursuant to this section which are operated exclusively for
115 | commercial purposes, which are open to the public, and for which
116 | a uniform fee is charged to patrons for hunting privileges.

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