

By Senator Dockery

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1                                   A bill to be entitled

2                   An act relating to saltwater fisheries;

3                   amending s. 370.06, F.S.; eliminating obsolete

4                   provisions relating to the issuance of a marine

5                   life fishing endorsement; providing an

6                   effective date.

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

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10                   Section 1. Paragraph (j) of subsection (2) of section

11 370.06, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

12                   370.06 Licenses.--

13                   (2) SALTWATER PRODUCTS LICENSE.--

14                   (j)1. In addition to the saltwater products license, a

15 marine life fishing endorsement is required for the harvest of

16 marine life species as defined by rule of the Fish and

17 Wildlife Conservation Commission. This endorsement may be

18 issued only to a person who is at least 16 years of age or

19 older or to a corporation holding a valid restricted species

20 endorsement.

21                   ~~2.a. Effective July 1, 1998, and until July 1, 2002, a~~

22 ~~marine life endorsement may not be issued under this~~

23 ~~paragraph, except that those endorsements that are active~~

24 ~~during the 1997-1998 fiscal year may be renewed.~~

25                   ~~b. In 1998 persons or corporations holding a marine~~

26 ~~life endorsement that was active in the 1997-1998 fiscal year~~

27 ~~or an immediate family member of that person must request~~

28 ~~renewal of the marine life endorsement before December 31,~~

29 ~~1998.~~

30                   ~~a.c. In subsequent years and until July 1, 2002, A~~

31 marine life endorsement holder or member of his or her

**CODING:** Words ~~stricken~~ are deletions; words underlined are additions.

1 immediate family must request renewal of the marine life  
2 endorsement before September 30 of each year.

3 ~~b.d.~~ If a person or corporation holding an active  
4 marine life fishing endorsement or a member of that person's  
5 immediate family does not request renewal of the endorsement  
6 before the applicable dates specified in this paragraph, the  
7 commission shall deactivate that marine life fishing  
8 endorsement.

9 ~~c.e.~~ In the event of the death or disability of a  
10 person holding an active marine life fishing endorsement, the  
11 endorsement may be transferred by the person to a member of  
12 his or her immediate family or may be renewed by any person so  
13 designated by the executor of the person's estate.

14 ~~d.f.~~ Persons or corporations who hold saltwater  
15 product licenses with marine life fishing endorsements issued  
16 to their vessel registration numbers and who subsequently  
17 replace their existing vessels with new vessels may transfer  
18 the existing marine life fishing endorsement to the new boat  
19 registration numbers.

20 ~~e.g.~~ Persons or corporations who hold saltwater  
21 product licenses with marine life fishing endorsements issued  
22 to their name and who subsequently incorporate or  
23 unincorporate may transfer the existing marine life fishing  
24 endorsement to the new corporation or person.

25 ~~2.3.~~ The fee for a marine life fishery endorsement on  
26 a saltwater products license shall be \$75. These license fees  
27 shall be collected and deposited in the Marine Resources  
28 Conservation Trust Fund and used for the purchase and  
29 installation of vessel mooring buoys at coral reef sites and  
30 for research related to marine fisheries.

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

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5 SENATE SUMMARY

6 Eliminates obsolete provisions relating to the issuance  
7 of a marine life fishing endorsement.  
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