Florida Senate - 2007

 $\ensuremath{\textbf{By}}$ the Committee on Environmental Preservation and Conservation

592-2006-07

1	A bill to be entitled
2	An act relating to recreational licenses and
3	permits issued by the Fish and Wildlife
4	Conservation Commission; amending s. 372.561,
5	F.S.; authorizing the commission, tax
б	collectors, and certain subagents to request
7	and collect donations when selling a
8	recreational license or permit; requiring the
9	transfer of such donations to the Wildlife
10	Foundation of Florida, Inc., to be used for
11	specified purposes; amending s. 372.562, F.S.;
12	revising the exemption under which a resident
13	need not possess a license in order to fish in
14	salt water from land or from a structure fixed
15	to land; amending s. 372.57, F.S.; increasing
16	the fees charged to residents and nonresidents
17	for certain hunting and fishing licenses;
18	requiring the commission to provide to the
19	Governor and Legislature a report on activities
20	funded from the sale of snook permits; creating
21	a 3-day freshwater fishing license for
22	nonresidents; amending ss. 372.571 and 372.661,
23	F.S.; conforming cross-references; reenacting
24	ss. 372.5712(1), 372.5715(1), and 372.573,
25	F.S., relating to revenues from the waterfowl
26	permit, the wild turkey permit, and management
27	area permits, to incorporate the amendment to
28	s. 372.57, F.S., in references thereto;
29	providing an effective date.
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31	Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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Section 1. Present subsection (13) of section 372.561, 1 2 Florida Statutes, is redesignated as subsection (14), and new subsection (13) is added to that section, to read: 3 4 372.561 Recreational licenses, permits, and 5 authorization numbers to take wild animal life, freshwater б aquatic life, and marine life; issuance; costs; reporting .--7 (13) The commission, any tax collector in this state, or any subagent authorized to sell licenses and permits under 8 s. 372.574 may request and collect donations when selling a 9 10 recreational license or permit authorized under s. 372.57. All donations collected under this subsection must be transferred 11 to the Wildlife Foundation of Florida, Inc., to be used for 12 13 the purposes specified in s. 372.0215. (14) (13) The commission is authorized to adopt rules 14 pursuant to ss. 120.536(1) and 120.54 to implement the 15 provisions of this section. 16 17 Section 2. Subsection (2) of section 372.562, Florida 18 Statutes, is amended to read: 372.562 Recreational licenses and permits; exemptions 19 from fees and requirements .--20 21 (2) A hunting, freshwater fishing, or saltwater 22 fishing license or permit is not required for: 23 (a) Any child under 16 years of age, except as otherwise provided in this chapter. 2.4 (b) Any person hunting or <u>freshwater</u> fishing on her or 25 his homestead property, or on the homestead property of the 26 27 person's spouse or minor child; or any minor child hunting or 2.8 freshwater fishing on the homestead property of her or his 29 parent. 30 31

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1	(c) Any resident who is a member of the United States
2	Armed Forces and not stationed in this state, when home on
3	leave for 30 days or less, upon submission of orders.
4	(d) Any resident fishing for recreational purposes
5	only, within her or his county of residence with live or
6	natural bait, using poles or lines not equipped with a fishing
7	line retrieval mechanism. This exemption does not apply to
8	residents fishing in, except on a legally established fish
9	management area.
10	(e) Any person <u>freshwater</u> fishing in a fish pond of 20
11	acres or less that is located entirely within the private
12	property of the fish pond owner.
13	(f) Any person <u>freshwater</u> fishing in a fish pond that
14	is licensed in accordance with s. 372.5705.
15	(g) Any person fishing who has been accepted as a
16	client for developmental disabilities services by the
17	Department of Children and Family Services, provided the
18	department furnishes proof thereof.
19	(h) Any resident <u>saltwater fishing</u> fishing in salt
20	water from land or from a structure fixed to the land.
21	(i) Any person <u>saltwater</u> fishing from a vessel
22	licensed pursuant to s. 372.57(7).
23	(j) Any person <u>saltwater</u> fishing from a vessel the
24	operator of which is licensed pursuant to s. 372.57(7).
25	(k) Any person <u>saltwater fishing</u> who holds a valid
26	saltwater products license issued under s. 370.06(2).
27	(1) Any person <u>saltwater</u> fishing for recreational
28	purposes from a pier licensed under s. 372.57.
29	(m) Any resident fishing for a saltwater species in
30	fresh water from land or from a structure fixed to land.
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(n) Any resident fishing for mullet in fresh water who 1 2 has a valid Florida freshwater fishing license. 3 (o) Any resident 65 years of age or older who has in her or his possession proof of age and residency. A no-cost 4 license under this paragraph may be obtained from any tax 5 6 collector's office upon proof of age and residency and must be 7 in the possession of the resident during hunting, freshwater 8 fishing, and saltwater fishing activities. (p) Any employee of the commission who takes 9 10 freshwater fish, saltwater fish, or game as part of employment with the commission, or any other person authorized by 11 12 commission permit to take freshwater fish, saltwater fish, or 13 game for scientific or educational purposes. (q) Any resident who holds a valid commercial fishing 14 license issued under s. 372.65(1)(a). 15 Section 3. Subsections (4) and (5), paragraphs (a), 16 17 (b), (c), and (h) of subsection (8), and paragraph (a) of subsection (9) of section 372.57, Florida Statutes, are 18 amended to read: 19 372.57 Recreational licenses, permits, and 20 21 authorization numbers; fees established .--22 (4) RESIDENT HUNTING AND FISHING LICENSES.--The 23 licenses and fees for residents participating in hunting and fishing activities in this state are as follows: 2.4 (a) Annual freshwater fishing license, <u>\$15.50</u>\$12. 25 26 (b) Annual saltwater fishing license, <u>\$15.50</u>\$12. 27 (c) Annual hunting license to take game, \$15.50\$11. 2.8 (d) Annual combination hunting and freshwater fishing license, $\frac{$31}{$22}$. 29 30 (e) Annual combination freshwater fishing and saltwater fishing license, \$31\$24. 31 4

1 (f) Annual combination hunting, freshwater fishing, 2 and saltwater fishing license, \$46.50 \$34. 3 (g) Annual license to take fur-bearing animals, \$25. 4 However, a resident with a valid hunting license or a no-cost license who is taking fur-bearing animals for noncommercial 5 6 purposes using guns or dogs only, and not traps or other 7 devices, is not required to purchase this license. Also, a 8 resident 65 years of age or older is not required to purchase this license. 9 10 (h) Annual sportsman's license, \$79\$71, except that an annual sportsman's license for a resident 64 years of age 11 12 or older is \$12. A sportsman's license authorizes the person 13 to whom it is issued to take game and freshwater fish, subject to the state and federal laws, rules, and regulations, 14 including rules of the commission, in effect at the time of 15 the taking. Other authorized activities include activities 16 17 authorized by a management area permit, a muzzle-loading gun 18 season permit, a crossbow season permit, a turkey permit, a Florida waterfowl permit, and an archery season permit. 19 20 (i) Annual gold sportsman's license, <u>\$98.50</u> + 87. The 21 gold sportsman's license authorizes the person to whom it is 22 issued to take freshwater fish, saltwater fish, and game, 23 subject to the state and federal laws, rules, and regulations, including rules of the commission, in effect at the time of 2.4 taking. Other authorized activities include activities 25 authorized by a management area permit, a muzzle-loading gun 26 27 season permit, a crossbow season permit, a turkey permit, a 2.8 Florida waterfowl permit, an archery season permit, a snook 29 permit, and a spiny lobster permit. 30 (j) Annual military gold sportsman's license, \$18.50. The gold sportsman's license authorizes the person to whom it 31 5

1	is issued to take freshwater fish, saltwater fish, and game,
2	subject to the state and federal laws, rules, and regulations,
3	including rules of the commission, in effect at the time of
4	taking. Other authorized activities include activities
5	authorized by a management area permit, a muzzle-loading gun
6	season permit, a crossbow season permit, a turkey permit, a
7	Florida waterfowl permit, an archery season permit, a snook
8	permit, and a spiny lobster permit. Any resident who is an
9	active or retired member of the United States Armed Forces,
10	the United States Armed Forces Reserve, the National Guard,
11	the United States Coast Guard, or the United States Coast
12	Guard Reserve is eligible to purchase the military gold
13	sportsman's license upon submission of a current military
14	identification card.
15	(5) NONRESIDENT HUNTING AND FISHING LICENSESThe
16	licenses and fees for nonresidents participating in hunting
17	and fishing activities in the state are as follows:
18	(a) Freshwater fishing license to take freshwater fish
19	for 3 consecutive days, \$15.50.
20	<u>(b)(a)</u> Freshwater fishing license to take freshwater
21	fish for 7 consecutive days, <u>\$28.50\$15.</u>
22	<u>(c)(b)</u> Saltwater fishing license to take saltwater
23	fish for 3 consecutive days, <u>\$15.50</u> \$ 5 .
24	<u>(d)</u> (c) Saltwater fishing license to take saltwater
25	fish for 7 consecutive days, <u>\$28.50</u> \$15 .
26	<u>(e)</u> (d) Annual freshwater fishing license, <u>\$45.50</u> \$ 30 .
27	<u>(f)(e)</u> Annual saltwater fishing license, <u>\$45.50</u> \$ 30 .
28	<u>(q)(f)</u> Hunting license to take game for 10 consecutive
29	days, \$45.
30	<u>(h)(g)</u> Annual hunting license to take game, \$150.
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1	<u>(i)(h)</u> Annual license to take fur-bearing animals,
2	\$25. However, a nonresident with a valid Florida hunting
3	license who is taking fur-bearing animals for noncommercial
4	purposes using guns or dogs only, and not traps or other
5	devices, is not required to purchase this license.
6	(8) SPECIFIED HUNTING, FISHING, AND RECREATIONAL
7	ACTIVITY PERMITSIn addition to any license required under
8	this chapter, the following permits and fees for specified
9	hunting, fishing, and recreational uses and activities are
10	required:
11	(a) An annual Florida waterfowl permit for a resident
12	or nonresident to take wild ducks or geese within the state or
13	its coastal waters is <u>\$10</u> \$ 3 .
14	(b)1. An annual Florida turkey permit for a resident
15	to take wild turkeys within the state is $\frac{10}{5}$.
16	2. An annual Florida turkey permit for a nonresident
17	to take wild turkeys within the state is \$100.
18	(c) An annual snook permit for a resident or
19	nonresident to take or possess any snook from any waters of
20	the state is $\frac{10}{2}$. Revenue generated from the sale of snook
21	permits shall be used exclusively for law enforcement
22	activities, management, research, stock enhancement, and
23	public education that directly benefit the snook population.
24	The commission shall provide a complete and detailed annual
25	report on activities performed under this paragraph to the
26	Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the
27	House of Representatives on or before September 1 of each year
28	for programs to benefit the snook population.
29	(h)1. A recreational user permit is required to hunt
30	on, fish on, or otherwise use for outdoor recreational
31	purposes land leased by the commission from private
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1 nongovernmental owners, except for those lands located 2 directly north of the Apalachicola National Forest, east of the Ochlocknee River until the point the river meets the dam 3 forming Lake Talquin, and south of the closest federal 4 highway. The fee for a recreational user permit shall be based 5 6 upon the economic compensation desired by the landowner, game 7 population levels, desired hunter density, and administrative costs. The permit fee shall be set by commission rule on a 8 per-acre basis. The recreational user permit fee, less 9 administrative costs of up to \$25 per permit, shall be 10 remitted to the landowner as provided in the lease agreement 11 12 for each area. 13 2. One minor dependent <u>under 16 years of age, 16 years</u> of age or younger, may hunt under the supervision of the 14 permittee and is exempt from the recreational user permit 15 requirements. The spouse and dependent children of a permittee 16 17 are exempt from the recreational user permit requirements when 18 engaged in outdoor recreational activities other than hunting and when accompanied by a permittee. Notwithstanding any other 19 provision of this chapter, no other exclusions, exceptions, or 20 21 exemptions from the recreational user permit fee are 2.2 authorized. 23 (9) RESIDENT 5-YEAR HUNTING AND FISHING LICENSES.--(a) Five-year licenses are available for residents 2.4 only, as follows: 25 1. A 5-year freshwater fishing or saltwater fishing 26 27 license is\$77.50 for each type of license and authorizes 2.8 the person to whom the license is issued to take or attempt to take or possess freshwater fish or saltwater fish consistent 29 with the state and federal laws and regulations and rules of 30 the commission in effect at the time of taking. 31

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1 2. A 5-year hunting license is\$77.50\$55 and 2 authorizes the person to whom it is issued to take or attempt to take or possess game consistent with the state and federal 3 laws and regulations and rules of the commission in effect at 4 5 the time of taking. б 3. The commission is authorized to sell the hunting, 7 fishing, and recreational activity permits authorized in 8 subsection (8) for a 5-year period to match the purchase of 5-year fishing and hunting licenses. The fee for each permit 9 issued under this paragraph shall be five times the annual 10 cost established in subsection (8). 11 12 Section 4. Section 372.571, Florida Statutes, is 13 amended to read: 372.571 Expiration of licenses and permits.--Each 14 license or permit issued under this chapter must be dated when 15 issued. Each license or permit issued under this chapter 16 17 remains valid for 12 months after the date of issuance, except 18 for a lifetime license issued pursuant to s. 372.57 which is valid from the date of issuance until the death of the 19 individual to whom the license is issued unless otherwise 20 revoked in accordance with s. 372.83 or s. 372.99, or a 5-year 21 22 license issued pursuant to s. 372.57 which is valid for 5 23 consecutive years from the date of purchase unless otherwise revoked in accordance with s. 372.83 or s. 372.99, or a 2.4 license issued pursuant to s. 372.57(5)(a), (b), (c), (d), or 25 26 (q) or (f) or (8)(f), or (g)2., or (h)1., which is valid for 27 the period specified on the license. A resident lifetime 2.8 license or a resident 5-year license that has been purchased 29 by a resident of this state and who subsequently resides in another state shall be honored for activities authorized by 30 that license. 31

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1 Section 5. Subsection (2) of section 372.661, Florida 2 Statutes, is amended to read: 3 372.661 Private hunting preserve license fees; 4 exception. --5 (2) A commercial hunting preserve license, which shall 6 exempt patrons of licensed preserves from the license and 7 permit requirements of s. 372.57(4)(c), (d), (f), (h), (i), 8 and (j); (5)(f) and (g) and (h); (8)(a), (b), and (e); (9)(a)2.; (11); and (12) while hunting on the licensed 9 preserve property, shall be \$500. Such commercial hunting 10 preserve license shall be available only to those private 11 12 hunting preserves licensed pursuant to this section which are 13 operated exclusively for commercial purposes, which are open to the public, and for which a uniform fee is charged to 14 patrons for hunting privileges. 15 Section 6. For the purpose of incorporating the 16 17 amendments made by this act to section 372.57, Florida Statutes, in a reference thereto, subsection (1) of section 18 372.5712, Florida Statutes, is reenacted to read: 19 372.5712 Florida waterfowl permit revenues.--20 21 (1) The commission shall expend the revenues generated 22 from the sale of the Florida waterfowl permit as provided in 23 s. 372.57(8)(a) or that pro rata portion of any license that includes waterfowl hunting privileges, as provided in s. 2.4 372.57(4)(h), (i), and (j) and (9)(a)3. as follows: A maximum 25 26 of 5 percent of the gross revenues shall be expended for 27 administrative costs; a maximum of 25 percent of the gross 2.8 revenues shall be expended for waterfowl research approved by the commission; and a maximum of 70 percent of the gross 29 revenues shall be expended for projects approved by the 30 commission, in consultation with the Waterfowl Advisory 31

1 Council, for the purpose of protecting and propagating 2 migratory waterfowl and for the development, restoration, maintenance, and preservation of wetlands within the state. 3 4 Section 7. For the purpose of incorporating the amendments made by this act to section 372.57, Florida 5 б Statutes, in a reference thereto, subsection (1) of section 7 372.5715, Florida Statutes, is reenacted to read: 372.5715 Florida wild turkey permit revenues .--8 9 (1) The commission shall expend the revenues generated from the sale of the turkey permit as provided for in s. 10 372.57(8)(b) or that pro rata portion of any license that 11 12 includes turkey hunting privileges as provided for in s. 13 372.57(4)(h), (i), and (j) for research and management of wild 14 turkeys. Section 8. For the purpose of incorporating the 15 amendments made by this act to section 372.57, Florida 16 17 Statutes, in a reference thereto, section 372.573, Florida 18 Statutes, is reenacted to read: 372.573 Management area permit revenues.--The 19 20 commission shall expend the revenue generated from the sale of 21 the management area permit as provided for in s. 372.57(8)(g) 22 or that pro rata portion of any license that includes 23 management area privileges as provided for in s. 372.57(4)(h), (i), and (j) for the lease, management, and protection of 2.4 lands for public hunting, fishing, and other outdoor 25 recreation. 26 27 Section 9. This act shall take effect July 1, 2007. 28 29 30 31

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Florida Senate - 2007 592-2006-07 CS for SB 1982

1	STATEMENT OF SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES CONTAINED IN
COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR	COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
2	<u>senate bill 1982</u>
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4	The committee substitute reinstates current law allowing for a shoreline fishing exemption, raises the annual nonresident
5	saltwater fishing license fee to conform to other fee increases, and increases the Florida waterfowl, Florida turkey
6	and snook permits to \$10.
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