



1 management area permits, to incorporate the  
2 amendment to s. 372.57, F.S., in references  
3 thereto; providing an effective date.  
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5 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:  
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7 Section 1. Present subsection (13) of section 372.561,  
8 Florida Statutes, is redesignated as subsection (14), and new  
9 subsection (13) is added to that section, to read:

10 372.561 Recreational licenses, permits, and  
11 authorization numbers to take wild animal life, freshwater  
12 aquatic life, and marine life; issuance; costs; reporting.--

13 (13) The commission, any tax collector in this state,  
14 or any subagent authorized to sell licenses and permits under  
15 s. 372.574 may request and collect donations when selling a  
16 recreational license or permit authorized under s. 372.57. All  
17 donations collected under this subsection must be transferred  
18 to the Wildlife Foundation of Florida, Inc., to be used for  
19 the purposes specified in s. 372.0215.

20 ~~(14)(13)~~ The commission is authorized to adopt rules  
21 pursuant to ss. 120.536(1) and 120.54 to implement the  
22 provisions of this section.

23 Section 2. Subsection (2) of 372.562, Florida  
24 Statutes, is amended to read:

25 372.562 Recreational licenses and permits; exemptions  
26 from fees and requirements.--

27 (2) A hunting, freshwater fishing, or saltwater  
28 fishing license or permit is not required for:

29 (a) Any child under 16 years of age, except as  
30 otherwise provided in this chapter.  
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1 (b) Any person hunting or freshwater fishing on her or  
2 his homestead property, or on the homestead property of the  
3 person's spouse or minor child; or any minor child hunting or  
4 freshwater fishing on the homestead property of her or his  
5 parent.

6 (c) Any resident who is a member of the United States  
7 Armed Forces and not stationed in this state, when home on  
8 leave for 30 days or less, upon submission of orders.

9 (d) Any resident fishing for recreational purposes  
10 only, within her or his county of residence with live or  
11 natural bait, using poles or lines not equipped with a fishing  
12 line retrieval mechanism. This exemption does not apply to  
13 residents fishing in, except on a legally established fish  
14 management area.

15 (e) Any person freshwater fishing in a fish pond of 20  
16 acres or less that is located entirely within the private  
17 property of the fish pond owner.

18 (f) Any person freshwater fishing in a fish pond that  
19 is licensed in accordance with s. 372.5705.

20 (g) Any person fishing who has been accepted as a  
21 client for developmental disabilities services by the  
22 Department of Children and Family Services, provided the  
23 department furnishes proof thereof.

24 (h) Any resident ~~saltwater fishing~~ fishing in salt  
25 water from land or from a structure fixed to the land who has  
26 been issued a Medicaid gold card under the Medicaid program  
27 administered by the Agency for Health Care Administration. A  
28 Medicaid gold card issued in the resident's name and positive  
29 proof of identification are required when a resident is  
30 saltwater fishing under this exemption.  
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1 (i) Any person saltwater fishing from a vessel  
2 licensed pursuant to s. 372.57(7).

3 (j) Any person saltwater fishing from a vessel the  
4 operator of which is licensed pursuant to s. 372.57(7).

5 (k) Any person saltwater fishing who holds a valid  
6 saltwater products license issued under s. 370.06(2).

7 (l) Any person saltwater fishing for recreational  
8 purposes from a pier licensed under s. 372.57.

9 ~~(m) Any resident fishing for a saltwater species in~~  
10 ~~fresh water from land or from a structure fixed to land.~~

11 ~~(m)(n)~~ Any resident fishing for mullet in fresh water  
12 who has a valid Florida freshwater fishing license.

13 ~~(n)(o)~~ Any resident 65 years of age or older who has  
14 in her or his possession proof of age and residency. A  
15 no-cost license under this paragraph may be obtained from any  
16 tax collector's office upon proof of age and residency and  
17 must be in the possession of the resident during hunting,  
18 freshwater fishing, and saltwater fishing activities.

19 ~~(o)(p)~~ Any employee of the commission who takes  
20 freshwater fish, saltwater fish, or game as part of employment  
21 with the commission, or any other person authorized by  
22 commission permit to take freshwater fish, saltwater fish, or  
23 game for scientific or educational purposes.

24 ~~(p)(q)~~ Any resident who holds a valid commercial  
25 fishing license issued under s. 372.65(1)(a).

26 Section 3. Subsections (4) and (5), paragraph (h) of  
27 subsection (8), and paragraph (a) of subsection (9) of section  
28 372.57, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

29 372.57 Recreational licenses, permits, and  
30 authorization numbers; fees established.--

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

4 (a) Annual freshwater fishing license, \$15.50~~\$12~~.

5 (b) Annual saltwater fishing license, \$15.50~~\$12~~.

6 (c) Annual hunting license to take game, \$15.50~~\$11~~.

7 (d) Annual combination hunting and freshwater fishing  
8 license, \$31~~\$22~~.

9 (e) Annual combination freshwater fishing and  
10 saltwater fishing license, \$31~~\$24~~.

11 (f) Annual combination hunting, freshwater fishing,  
12 and saltwater fishing license, \$46.50~~\$34~~.

13 (g) Annual license to take fur-bearing animals, \$25.  
14 However, a resident with a valid hunting license or a no-cost  
15 license who is taking fur-bearing animals for noncommercial  
16 purposes using guns or dogs only, and not traps or other  
17 devices, is not required to purchase this license. Also, a  
18 resident 65 years of age or older is not required to purchase  
19 this license.

20 (h) Annual sportsman's license, \$79~~\$71~~, except that  
21 an annual sportsman's license for a resident 64 years of age  
22 or older is \$12. A sportsman's license authorizes the person  
23 to whom it is issued to take game and freshwater fish, subject  
24 to the state and federal laws, rules, and regulations,  
25 including rules of the commission, in effect at the time of  
26 the taking. Other authorized activities include activities  
27 authorized by a management area permit, a muzzle-loading gun  
28 season permit, a crossbow season permit, a turkey permit, a  
29 Florida waterfowl permit, and an archery season permit.

30 (i) Annual gold sportsman's license, \$98.50~~\$87~~. The  
31 gold sportsman's license authorizes the person to whom it is

1 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.

9 (j) Annual military gold sportsman's license, \$18.50.  
10 The gold sportsman's license authorizes the person to whom it  
11 is issued to take freshwater fish, saltwater fish, and game,  
12 subject to the state and federal laws, rules, and regulations,  
13 including rules of the commission, in effect at the time of  
14 taking. Other authorized activities include activities  
15 authorized by a management area permit, a muzzle-loading gun  
16 season permit, a crossbow season permit, a turkey permit, a  
17 Florida waterfowl permit, an archery season permit, a snook  
18 permit, and a spiny lobster permit. Any resident who is an  
19 active or retired member of the United States Armed Forces,  
20 the United States Armed Forces Reserve, the National Guard,  
21 the United States Coast Guard, or the United States Coast  
22 Guard Reserve is eligible to purchase the military gold  
23 sportsman's license upon submission of a current military  
24 identification card.

25 (5) NONRESIDENT HUNTING AND FISHING LICENSES.--The  
26 licenses and fees for nonresidents participating in hunting  
27 and fishing activities in the state are as follows:

28 (a) Freshwater fishing license to take freshwater fish  
29 for 3 consecutive days, \$15.50.

30 (b)(a) Freshwater fishing license to take freshwater  
31 fish for 7 consecutive days, \$28.50\$15.

1           ~~(c)~~~~(b)~~ Saltwater fishing license to take saltwater  
2 fish for 3 consecutive days, ~~\$15.50~~\$5.

3           ~~(d)~~~~(e)~~ Saltwater fishing license to take saltwater  
4 fish for 7 consecutive days, ~~\$28.50~~\$15.

5           ~~(e)~~~~(d)~~ Annual freshwater fishing license, ~~\$45.50~~\$30.

6           ~~(f)~~~~(e)~~ Annual saltwater fishing license, \$30.

7           ~~(g)~~~~(f)~~ Hunting license to take game for 10 consecutive  
8 days, \$45.

9           ~~(h)~~~~(g)~~ Annual hunting license to take game, \$150.

10          ~~(i)~~~~(h)~~ Annual license to take fur-bearing animals,  
11 \$25. However, a nonresident with a valid Florida hunting  
12 license who is taking fur-bearing animals for noncommercial  
13 purposes using guns or dogs only, and not traps or other  
14 devices, is not required to purchase this license.

15           (8) SPECIFIED HUNTING, FISHING, AND RECREATIONAL  
16 ACTIVITY PERMITS.--In addition to any license required under  
17 this chapter, the following permits and fees for specified  
18 hunting, fishing, and recreational uses and activities are  
19 required:

20           (h)1. A recreational user permit is required to hunt  
21 on, fish on, or otherwise use for outdoor recreational  
22 purposes land leased by the commission from private  
23 nongovernmental owners, except for those lands located  
24 directly north of the Apalachicola National Forest, east of  
25 the Ochlocknee River until the point the river meets the dam  
26 forming Lake Talquin, and south of the closest federal  
27 highway. The fee for a recreational user permit shall be based  
28 upon the economic compensation desired by the landowner, game  
29 population levels, desired hunter density, and administrative  
30 costs. The permit fee shall be set by commission rule on a  
31 per-acre basis. The recreational user permit fee, less

1 administrative costs of up to \$25 per permit, shall be  
2 remitted to the landowner as provided in the lease agreement  
3 for each area.

4 2. One minor dependent under 16 years of age, ~~16 years~~  
5 ~~of age or younger~~, may hunt under the supervision of the  
6 permittee and is exempt from the recreational user permit  
7 requirements. The spouse and dependent children of a permittee  
8 are exempt from the recreational user permit requirements when  
9 engaged in outdoor recreational activities other than hunting  
10 and when accompanied by a permittee. Notwithstanding any other  
11 provision of this chapter, no other exclusions, exceptions, or  
12 exemptions from the recreational user permit fee are  
13 authorized.

14 (9) RESIDENT 5-YEAR HUNTING AND FISHING LICENSES.--

15 (a) Five-year licenses are available for residents  
16 only, as follows:

17 1. A 5-year freshwater fishing or saltwater fishing  
18 license is ~~\$77.50~~\$60 for each type of license and authorizes  
19 the person to whom the license is issued to take or attempt to  
20 take or possess freshwater fish or saltwater fish consistent  
21 with the state and federal laws and regulations and rules of  
22 the commission in effect at the time of taking.

23 2. A 5-year hunting license is ~~\$77.50~~\$55 and  
24 authorizes the person to whom it is issued to take or attempt  
25 to take or possess game consistent with the state and federal  
26 laws and regulations and rules of the commission in effect at  
27 the time of taking.

28 3. The commission is authorized to sell the hunting,  
29 fishing, and recreational activity permits authorized in  
30 subsection (8) for a 5-year period to match the purchase of  
31 5-year fishing and hunting licenses. The fee for each permit



1 issued under this paragraph shall be five times the annual  
2 cost established in subsection (8).

3 Section 4. Section 372.571, Florida Statutes, is  
4 amended to read:

5 372.571 Expiration of licenses and permits.--Each  
6 license or permit issued under this chapter must be dated when  
7 issued. Each license or permit issued under this chapter  
8 remains valid for 12 months after the date of issuance, except  
9 for a lifetime license issued pursuant to s. 372.57 which is  
10 valid from the date of issuance until the death of the  
11 individual to whom the license is issued unless otherwise  
12 revoked in accordance with s. 372.83 or s. 372.99, or a 5-year  
13 license issued pursuant to s. 372.57 which is valid for 5  
14 consecutive years from the date of purchase unless otherwise  
15 revoked in accordance with s. 372.83 or s. 372.99, or a  
16 license issued pursuant to s. 372.57(5)(a), (b), (c), (d), or  
17 (g) or (f) or (8)(f), or (g)2., or (h)1., which is valid for  
18 the period specified on the license. A resident lifetime  
19 license or a resident 5-year license that has been purchased  
20 by a resident of this state and who subsequently resides in  
21 another state shall be honored for activities authorized by  
22 that license.

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

25 372.661 Private hunting preserve license fees;  
26 exception.--

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

1 | preserve property, shall be \$500. Such commercial hunting  
2 | preserve license shall be available only to those private  
3 | hunting preserves licensed pursuant to this section which are  
4 | operated exclusively for commercial purposes, which are open  
5 | to the public, and for which a uniform fee is charged to  
6 | patrons for hunting privileges.

7 |         Section 6. For the purpose of incorporating the  
8 | amendments made by this act to section 372.57, Florida  
9 | Statutes, in a reference thereto, subsection (1) of section  
10 | 372.5712, Florida Statutes, is reenacted to read:

11 |             372.5712 Florida waterfowl permit revenues.--

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

26 |         Section 7. For the purpose of incorporating the  
27 | amendments made by this act to section 372.57, Florida  
28 | Statutes, in a reference thereto, subsection (1) of section  
29 | 372.5715, Florida Statutes, is reenacted to read:

30 |             372.5715 Florida wild turkey permit revenues.--

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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) for research and management of wild  
6 turkeys.

7 Section 8. For the purpose of incorporating the  
8 amendments made by this act to section 372.57, Florida  
9 Statutes, in a reference thereto, section 372.573, Florida  
10 Statutes, is reenacted to read:

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

19 Section 9. This act shall take effect July 1, 2007.  
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22 SENATE SUMMARY

23 Provides for the Fish and Wildlife Conservation  
24 Commission, tax collectors, and subagents to collect  
25 donations for the Wildlife Foundation of Florida, Inc.,  
26 when selling recreational licenses or permits. Deletes  
27 the exemption from licensure requirements provided for  
28 residents fishing in salt water from land or from a  
29 structure fixed to land. Provides for such exemption to  
30 apply solely to residents who hold a Medicaid gold card.  
31 Deletes the exemption from licensure requirements  
provided for residents fishing for a saltwater species in  
fresh water from land or from a structure fixed to land.  
Increases various fees charged to residents and  
nonresidents for certain hunting and fishing licenses.  
Creates a 3-day freshwater fishing license for  
nonresidents.