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<u>Senate</u>	.	<u>House</u>
Comm: RCS	.	
3/13/2008	.	
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1 The Committee on Environmental Preservation and Conservation
 2 (Saunders) recommended the following **amendment**:

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 4 **Senate Amendment (with title amendments)**

5 Delete line(s) 35

6 and insert:

7 Section 2. Subsection (2) of section 328.48, Florida
 8 Statutes, is amended to read:

9 328.48 Vessel registration, application, certificate,
 10 number, decal, duplicate certificate.--

11 (2) All vessels used on the waters of the state must be
 12 registered, either commercial or recreational as defined in this
 13 chapter, except as follows:

- 14 (a) A vessel used exclusively on private lakes and ponds.
- 15 (b) A vessel owned by the United States Government.

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16 (c) A vessel used exclusively as a ship's lifeboat.

17 (d) A non-motor-powered vessel less than 16 feet in
18 length, and any non-motor-powered canoe, kayak, racing shell, or
19 rowing scull, regardless of length.

20 Section 3. Subsection (4) of section 328.56, Florida
21 Statutes, is amended to read:

22 328.56 Vessel registration number.--Each vessel that is
23 used on the waters of the state must display a commercial or
24 recreational Florida registration number, unless it is:

25 (4) A non-motor-powered vessel less than 16 feet in
26 length, and any non-motor-powered canoe, kayak, racing shell, or
27 rowing scull, regardless of length.

28 Section 4. Subsection (1) of section 328.72, Florida
29 Statutes, is amended to read:

30 328.72 Classification; registration; fees and charges;
31 surcharge; disposition of fees; fines; marine turtle stickers.--

32 (1) VESSEL REGISTRATION FEE.--Vessels that are required to
33 be registered shall be classified for registration purposes
34 according to the following schedule, and the registration
35 certificate fee shall be in the following amounts:

36 Class A-1--Less than 12 feet in length, and all canoes to
37 which propulsion motors have been attached, regardless of
38 length: \$5.50 ~~\$3.50~~ for each 12-month period registered.

39 Class A-2--12 feet or more and less than 16 feet in length:
40 \$16.25 ~~10.50~~ for each 12-month period registered.

41 (To county): 2.85 for each 12-month period registered.

42 Class 1--16 feet or more and less than 26 feet in length:
43 \$28.75 ~~18.50~~ for each 12-month period registered.

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44 (To county): 8.85 for each 12-month period registered.
45 Class 2--26 feet or more and less than 40 feet in length:
46 \$78.25 ~~50.50~~ for each 12-month period registered.
47 (To county): 32.85 for each 12-month period registered.
48 Class 3--40 feet or more and less than 65 feet in length:
49 \$127.75 ~~82.50~~ for each 12-month period registered.
50 (To county): 56.85 for each 12-month period registered.
51 Class 4--65 feet or more and less than 110 feet in length:
52 \$152.75 ~~98.50~~ for each 12-month period registered.
53 (To county): 68.85 for each 12-month period registered.
54 Class 5--110 feet or more in length: \$189.75 ~~122.50~~ for
55 each 12-month period registered.
56 (To county): 86.85 for each 12-month period registered.
57 Dealer registration certificate: \$25.50 ~~16.50~~ for each 12-
58 month period registered.

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60 In 2013 and every five years thereafter, vessel registration
61 fees shall be adjusted by the percentage change in the Consumer
62 Price Index for All Urban Consumers since the fees were last
63 adjusted, unless otherwise provided by general law. By February
64 1 of each year in which an adjustment is scheduled to occur, the
65 Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission shall submit a report
66 to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of
67 Representatives detailing how the increase in vessel
68 registration fees will be used within the agency. The vessel
69 registration fee increases shall take effect July 1 of each
70 adjustment year.

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72 The county portion of the vessel registration fee is derived
73 from recreational vessels only.

74 Section 5. Subsection (1) of section 372.57, Florida
75 Statutes, is amended to read:

76 372.57 Recreational licenses, permits, and authorization
77 numbers; fees established.--

78 (1) LICENSE, PERMIT, OR AUTHORIZATION NUMBER
79 REQUIRED.--Except as provided in s. 372.562, no person shall
80 take game, freshwater or saltwater fish, or fur-bearing animals
81 within this state without having first obtained a license,
82 permit, or authorization number and paid the fees set forth in
83 this chapter. Such license, permit, or authorization number
84 shall authorize the person to whom it is issued to take game,
85 freshwater or saltwater fish, or fur-bearing animals, and
86 participate in outdoor recreational activities in accordance
87 with the laws of the state and rules of the commission.

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89 In 2013 and every five years thereafter, License and permit
90 fees, established in subsections (4) and (5) of this section,
91 shall be adjusted by the percentage change in the Consumer Price
92 Index for All Urban Consumers since the fees were last adjusted,
93 unless otherwise provided by general law. By February 1 of each
94 year in which an adjustment is scheduled to occur, the Fish and
95 Wildlife Conservation Commission shall submit a report to the
96 President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of
97 Representatives detailing how the increase in license and permit
98 fees will be used within the agency. The license and permit fee
99 increases shall take effect July 1 of each adjustment year.



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100 Section 6. The Office of Program Policy Analysis and
101 Government Accountability (OPPAGA) is directed to review and
102 compare the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission's public
103 relations and outreach staffing levels in its Executive
104 Direction and Administrative Services division, to an agency of
105 similar makeup and size, to determine whether any efficiencies
106 can be achieved through restructuring or downsizing. The OPPAGA
107 shall provide its findings and recommendations in the form of a
108 report to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the
109 House of Representatives by January 1, 2009.

110 Section 7. The Office of Program Policy Analysis and
111 Government Accountability (OPPAGA) is directed to review the
112 outreach and education activities of the Fish and Wildlife
113 Conservation Commission's Freshwater Fisheries and Marine
114 Fisheries Management divisions to determine if there is any
115 duplication of efforts with other state agencies, or if
116 efficiencies can be achieved through restructuring or combining
117 programs. The OPPAGA shall provide its findings and
118 recommendations in the form of a report to the President of the
119 Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives by
120 January 1, 2009.

121 Section 8. The Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission
122 is directed to complete a 5-year "Air Station" conceptual plan,
123 designed to improve agency aircraft operations and maintenance
124 efficiency, and provide its finding and recommendations in a
125 report to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the
126 House of Representatives by January 1, 2009.



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127 Section 9. The Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission
 128 (commission) is directed to review its current land management
 129 activities and provide recommendations for combining duplicative
 130 activities, with other state agencies, or for outsourcing
 131 activities that gain efficiencies or create cost-saving
 132 benefits. The commission shall provide its findings and
 133 recommendations in a report to the President of the Senate and
 134 the Speaker of the House of Representatives by January 1, 2009.

135 Section 10. The Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission
 136 (commission) is directed to conduct a cost-benefit analysis of
 137 Fish and Wildlife Research Institute (FWRI) activities, such as,
 138 but not limited to, geographic information system (GIS)
 139 technical support, and provide recommendations on any
 140 efficiencies or cost-savings benefits that may be gained from
 141 outsourcing FWRI activities. The commission shall provide its
 142 findings and recommendations in a report to the President of the
 143 Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives by
 144 January 1, 2009.

145 Section 11. Sections 372.107, 372.5714, 372.673, and
 146 372.992, Florida Statutes are repealed.

147 Section 12. This act shall take effect July 1, 2008.

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149 And the title is amended as follows:

150 Delete line(s) 5 and 6

151 and insert:

152 to the establishment of the commission; amending s.
 153 328.48, F.S., relating to vessel registration; redefining
 154 a non-motor-powered vessel; amending s.328.56, F.S.,

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155 relating to vessel registration numbers; redefining a non-
156 motor-powered vessel; amending s. 328.72, F.S., relating
157 to vessel registration fees; increasing such fees for all
158 vessels requiring registration; establishing a Consumer
159 Pricing Index for the future increase of vessel
160 registration fees; providing a reporting requirement for
161 the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission; amending s.
162 372.57, F.S., relating to recreational hunting and fishing
163 licenses; establishing a Consumer Pricing Index for the
164 future increase of recreational hunting and fishing
165 licenses; providing a reporting requirement for the Fish
166 and Wildlife Conservation Commission; requiring the Office
167 of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability
168 to review and report on the Fish and Wildlife Conservation
169 Commission's public relations, outreach, and education
170 activities and staffing levels by a date certain;
171 requiring the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission to
172 review and report on specific activities within the agency
173 by a date certain; repealing sections 372.107, 372.5714,
174 372.673, and 372.993, F.S.; providing an effective date.