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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to state lands; amending s. 253.71, F.S.; eliminating obsolete provisions relating to surcharges for the use of submerged lands; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subsection (2) of section 253.71, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

253.71 The lease contract.—When the board has determined that the proposed lease is not incompatible with the public interest and that the applicant has demonstrated his or her capacity to perform the operations upon which the application is based, it may proceed to consummate a lease contract having the following features in addition to others deemed desirable by the board:

- (2) RENTAL FEES.--
- (a) The lease contract shall specify such amount of rental per acre of leased bottom as may be agreed to by the parties and shall take the form of fixed rental to be paid throughout the term of the lease. Beginning January 1, 1990, A surcharge of \$10 \$5 per acre, or any fraction of an acre, per annum shall be levied upon each lease according to the guidelines set forth in s. 597.010(7). Beginning January 1, 2001, the surcharge shall be increased to \$10 per acre, or any fraction of an acre, per annum.
  - Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.