

By Senator Saunders

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1                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to saltwater fisheries; amending s.  
3           370.06, F.S.; eliminating obsolete provisions relating to  
4           the issuance of a marine life fishing endorsement;  
5           providing an effective date.  
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7 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:  
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9           Section 1. Paragraph (j) of subsection (2) of section  
10          370.06, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

11          370.06 Licenses.--

12          (2) SALTWATER PRODUCTS LICENSE.--

13          (j)1. In addition to the saltwater products license, a  
14          marine life fishing endorsement is required for the harvest of  
15          marine life species as defined by rule of the Fish and Wildlife  
16          Conservation Commission. This endorsement may be issued only to a  
17          person who is at least 16 years of age or older or to a  
18          corporation holding a valid restricted species endorsement.

19          ~~2.a. Effective July 1, 1998, and until July 1, 2002, a~~  
20          ~~marine life endorsement may not be issued under this paragraph,~~  
21          ~~except that those endorsements that are active during the 1997-~~  
22          ~~1998 fiscal year may be renewed.~~

23          ~~b. In 1998 persons or corporations holding a marine life~~  
24          ~~endorsement that was active in the 1997-1998 fiscal year or an~~  
25          ~~immediate family member of that person must request renewal of~~  
26          ~~the marine life endorsement before December 31, 1998.~~

27          a.c. In subsequent years and until July 1, 2002, A marine  
28          life endorsement holder or member of his or her immediate family  
29          must request renewal of the marine life endorsement before

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30 September 30 of each year.

31 ~~b.d.~~ If a person or corporation holding an active marine  
32 life fishing endorsement or a member of that person's immediate  
33 family does not request renewal of the endorsement before the  
34 applicable dates specified in this paragraph, the commission  
35 shall deactivate that marine life fishing endorsement.

36 ~~c.e.~~ In the event of the death or disability of a person  
37 holding an active marine life fishing endorsement, the  
38 endorsement may be transferred by the person to a member of his  
39 or her immediate family or may be renewed by any person so  
40 designated by the executor of the person's estate.

41 ~~d.f.~~ Persons or corporations who hold saltwater product  
42 licenses with marine life fishing endorsements issued to their  
43 vessel registration numbers and who subsequently replace their  
44 existing vessels with new vessels may transfer the existing  
45 marine life fishing endorsement to the new boat registration  
46 numbers.

47 ~~e.g.~~ Persons or corporations who hold saltwater product  
48 licenses with marine life fishing endorsements issued to their  
49 name and who subsequently incorporate or unincorporate may  
50 transfer the existing marine life fishing endorsement to the new  
51 corporation or person.

52 ~~2.3.~~ The fee for a marine life fishery endorsement on a  
53 saltwater products license shall be \$75. These license fees  
54 shall be collected and deposited in the Marine Resources  
55 Conservation Trust Fund and used for the purchase and  
56 installation of vessel mooring buoys at coral reef sites and for  
57 research related to marine fisheries.

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