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A bill to be entitled

2 An act relating to the Fish and Wildlife Conservation 3 Commission; amending s. 206.606, F.S.; transferring 4 authority from the Department of Revenue to the Fish and 5 Wildlife Conservation Commission to allocate funds from the Invasive Plant Control Trust Fund for specified 6 7 purposes; amending s. 253.002, F.S.; authorizing the Board 8 of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund to 9 delegate certain authority relating to aquatic and 10 noninvasive plants to the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services and the Fish and Wildlife Conservation 11 Commission; amending s. 253.04, F.S.; providing for the 12 preservation and regeneration of seagrasses; providing 13 definitions; providing penalties; amending s. 319.32, 14 15 F.S.; increasing the certificate of title fee for certain 16 vehicles; amending s. 320.08056, F.S.; increasing the annual use fee for certain specialty license plates; 17 amending s. 327.02, F.S.; revising the definition of the 18 19 term "live-aboard vessel"; amending s. 327.35, F.S.; 20 revising penalties for boating under the influence of 21 alcohol; revising the blood-alcohol level or breath-22 alcohol level at which certain penalties apply; amending 23 s. 327.36, F.S.; revising a prohibition against accepting 24 a plea to a lesser included offense from a person who is 25 charged with certain offenses involving the operation of a 26 vessel; revising the blood-alcohol level or breath-alcohol 27 level at which the prohibition applies; amending s. 28 327.395, F.S.; revising the age limitation for the Page 1 of 82

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29 operation of specified vessels; revising provisions 30 relating to boating safety identification cards; providing 31 exemptions and penalties; providing a short title; 32 amending s. 327.40, F.S.; revising provisions for placement of navigation, safety, and informational markers 33 34 of waterways; providing for uniform waterway markers; 35 amending s. 327.41, F.S., relating to placement of markers 36 by a county, municipality, or other governmental entity; 37 revising terminology; providing for a county, 38 municipality, or other governmental entity that has been granted or has adopted or established a boating-restricted 39 area to apply for permission to place regulatory markers; 40 amending s. 327.42, F.S.; revising provisions prohibiting 41 42 mooring to or damaging markers or buoys; amending s. 43 327.46, F.S.; revising provisions for establishment by the 44 Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission of boatingrestricted areas; providing for counties and 45 municipalities to establish boating-restricted areas with 46 47 approval of the commission; directing the commission to 48 adopt rules; revising a prohibition against operating a 49 vessel in a prohibited manner in a boating-restricted 50 area; amending s. 327.60, F.S.; revising provisions 51 limiting local regulations relating to vessels operated 52 upon the waters of this state; prohibiting specified 53 county or municipality ordinances or regulations; amending 54 s. 327.65, F.S.; conforming a cross-reference; creating s. 55 327.66, F.S.; prohibiting possessing or operating a vessel 56 equipped with certain fuel containers or related

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57 equipment; prohibiting transporting fuel in a vessel 58 except in compliance with certain federal regulations; 59 providing penalties; declaring fuel transported in 60 violation of such prohibitions to be a public nuisance and directing the enforcing agency to abate the nuisance; 61 62 providing for disposal of the containers and fuel; 63 declaring conveyances, vessels, vehicles, and equipment 64 used in such violation to be contraband; providing for seizure of the contraband; defining the term "conviction" 65 66 for specified purposes; providing for the costs to remove fuel, containers, vessels, and equipment to be paid by the 67 owner; providing that a person who fails to pay such cost 68 69 shall not be issued a certificate of registration for a 70 vessel or motor vehicle; providing an exemption; amending 71 s. 327.70, F.S.; authorizing municipal police officers and 72 specified law enforcement officers to enforce the 73 provisions of chs. 327 and 328; providing for enforcement 74 of noncriminal violations by citation mailed to the owner 75 of a vessel; specifying responsibility for citations 76 issued to livery vessels; amending s. 327.73, F.S.; 77 revising provisions for citation of a noncriminal 78 infraction to provide for violations relating to boating-79 restricted areas and speed limits; revising provisions 80 relating to establishment of such limits by counties and 81 municipalities; providing civil penalties for seagrass 82 scarring; amending s. 327.731, F.S.; conforming a cross-83 reference; amending s. 328.03, F.S.; requiring vessels 84 used or stored on the waters of this state to be titled by Page 3 of 82

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85 this state pursuant to specified provisions; providing 86 exceptions; amending s. 328.07, F.S.; requiring certain 87 vessels used or stored on the waters of this state to have 88 affixed a hull identification number; amending ss. 328.46, 89 328.48, and 328.56, F.S.; requiring vessels operated, 90 used, or stored on the waters of this state to be 91 registered and display the registration number; providing 92 exceptions; amending s. 328.58, F.S., relating to 93 reciprocity of nonresident or alien vessels; requiring the 94 owner of a vessel with a valid registration from another 95 state, a vessel with a valid registration from the United States Coast Guard in another state, or a federally 96 documented vessel from another state to record the 97 98 registration number with the Department of Highway Safety 99 and Motor Vehicles when using or storing the vessel on the 100 waters of this state in excess of the 90-day reciprocity 101 period; amending s. 328.60, F.S.; providing an exception 102 to registration requirements for military personnel using 103 or storing on the waters of this state a vessel with a 104 valid registration from another state, a vessel with a 105 valid registration from the United States Coast Guard in 106 another state, or a federally documented vessel from 107 another state; amending s. 328.65, F.S.; revising 108 legislative intent with respect to registration and 109 numbering of vessels; amending s. 328.66, F.S.; 110 authorizing a county to impose an annual registration fee 111 on vessels used on the waters of this state within its jurisdiction; amending s. 328.72, F.S.; providing 112

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113 noncriminal penalties for use or storage of a previously 114 registered vessel after the expiration of the registration 115 period; amending ss. 369.20, 369.22, and 369.25, F.S.; 116 authorizing the commission to enforce specified provisions 117 relating to aquatic weeds and plants; granting certain 118 activities a mixing zone for turbidity; amending s. 119 379.304, F.S.; revising cross-references for permitting 120 and violation provisions relating to the exhibition or 121 sale of wildlife; amending s. 379.338, F.S.; providing for 122 confiscation and disposition of illegally taken wildlife, 123 freshwater fish, or saltwater fish; providing for disposition of the proceeds from sales; providing for an 124 125 agency that assists in the enforcement action to receive a portion or all of any forfeited property; creating s. 126 127 379.3381, F.S.; providing for photographs of wildlife, freshwater fish, and saltwater fish to be used as evidence 128 129 in a prosecution in lieu of the wildlife, freshwater fish, 130 or saltwater fish; amending s. 379.353, F.S.; revising 131 eligibility criteria for exemption from certain recreational license and permit requirements; amending s. 132 133 379.354, F.S.; providing for an annual resident shoreline 134 fishing license and fee; authorizing the commission to use 135 proceeds of specified hunting, fishing, and recreational 136 licenses for certain purposes; increasing the fee amounts for waterfowl, wild turkey, snook, spiny lobster, 137 138 management area, special use, and recreational user 139 permits; providing for a management area permit and fee for outdoor recreational activities other than hunting and 140

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141 fishing; providing for a deer permit and fee; requiring 142 the commission to prepare an annual report and submit the 143 report to the Governor and the Legislature; providing 144 report requirements; amending s. 379.3671, F.S.; revising 145 provisions for abandonment and reversion of lobster trap 146 certificates under specified conditions; amending s. 147 379.3751, F.S.; specifying activities relating to the 148 taking and possession of alligators that require a license 149 and payment of the applicable fee; deleting provisions 150 relating to the issuance, form, and content of such 151 licenses; amending s. 379.3761, F.S.; providing penalties 152 for violations relating to the exhibition or sale of wildlife; amending s. 379.3762, F.S.; revising a cross-153 154 reference with respect to the penalties imposed for 155 violations relating to the personal possession of 156 wildlife; amending s. 379.401, F.S.; revising 157 applicability of violation provisions relating to 158 alligators and crocodiles; conforming references to 159 wildlife; amending s. 379.4015, F.S.; specifying 160 applicability of captive wildlife penalty provisions 161 relating to the exhibition or sale of wildlife; creating 162 s. 379.501, F.S.; providing penalties for violations 163 relating to aquatic weeds and plants; providing 164 legislative intent for civil penalties and criminal fines imposed by a court; creating s. 379.502, F.S.; providing 165 166 judicial and administrative procedures and remedies to 167 enforce penalty provisions for violations relating to aquatic weeds and plants; providing for mediation; 168

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169 providing for recovery of costs and attorney's fees; 170 requiring proceeds from related penalties to be credited 171 to the Invasive Plant Control Trust Fund; creating s. 172 379.503, F.S.; authorizing the commission to seek 173 injunctive relief; providing that judicial and 174 administrative remedies are alternative and mutually 175 exclusive; creating s. 379.504, F.S.; providing civil 176 penalties for violations relating to aquatic weeds and 177 plants; authorizing a court to impose a civil penalty for 178 each offense not to exceed a specified amount; providing 179 for joint and several liability; providing for a methodology for assessing certain damages; amending s. 180 181 403.088, F.S.; requiring the commission to approve an 182 aquatic weeds and algae control program; directing the 183 commission, in consultation with the Department of Environmental Protection, to establish a pilot program to 184 185 explore options for regulating the anchoring or mooring of 186 non-live-aboard vessels outside the marked boundaries of 187 public mooring fields; providing geographic locations for the pilot program; providing goals and procedures; 188 189 providing duties of the commission; requiring a report to 190 the Governor and the Legislature; providing for expiration 191 of the pilot program and any ordinance enacted thereunder; 192 providing for construction; providing for a type two 193 transfer of the Bureau of Invasive Plant Management within 194 the Department of Environmental Protection to the Fish and 195 Wildlife Conservation Commission; ratifying actions taken 196 pursuant to ch. 2008-150, Laws of Florida, and an

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197 interagency agreement executed pursuant thereto; 198 transferring the Invasive Plant Control Trust Fund within 199 the Department of Environmental Protection to the Fish and 200 Wildlife Conservation Commission; providing a continuing 201 appropriation to the commission for the costs associated 202 with the shoreline fishing license exemption; reenacting 203 s. 379.209(2)(a), F.S., relating to funds credited to the 204 Nongame Wildlife Trust Fund, to incorporate an amendment made to s. 319.32, F.S., in a reference thereto; 205 206 reenacting s. 379.3581(7), F.S., relating to hunting 207 safety, to incorporate the amendment made to s. 379.353, F.S., in a reference thereto; reenacting ss. 379.2213, 208 379.3501, and 379.3712, F.S., relating to management area 209 210 permit revenues, expiration of licenses and permits, and 211 commercial hunting preserve licenses, respectively, to 212 incorporate the amendment made to s. 379.354, F.S., in 213 references thereto; repealing s. 327.22, F.S., relating to 214 regulation of vessels by municipalities or counties; 215 repealing ss. 379.2211 and 379.2212, F.S., relating to 216 Florida waterfowl permit revenues and Florida wild turkey 217 permit revenues, respectively; repealing s. 379.366(7), 218 F.S., to abrogate the expiration of provisions imposing 219 blue crab effort management program fees and penalties; 220 providing effective dates. 221 222 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida: 223 Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section 224 Section 1. Page 8 of 82

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225 206.606, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

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206.606 Distribution of certain proceeds .--

227 (1) Moneys collected pursuant to ss. 206.41(1)(g) and 228 206.87(1)(e) shall be deposited in the Fuel Tax Collection Trust 229 Fund. Such moneys, after deducting the service charges imposed 230 by s. 215.20, the refunds granted pursuant to s. 206.41, and the 231 administrative costs incurred by the department in collecting, 232 administering, enforcing, and distributing the tax, which 233 administrative costs may not exceed 2 percent of collections, 234 shall be distributed monthly to the State Transportation Trust 235 Fund, except that:

236 \$6.30 million shall be transferred to the Fish and (a) 237 Wildlife Conservation Commission in each fiscal year and 238 deposited in the Invasive Plant Control Trust Fund to be used 239 for aquatic plant management, including nonchemical control of 240 aquatic weeds, research into nonchemical controls, and 241 enforcement activities. Beginning in fiscal year 1993-1994, The 242 commission department shall allocate at least \$1 million of such 243 funds to the eradication of melaleuca.

244 Section 2. Subsection (1) of section 253.002, Florida 245 Statutes, is amended to read:

246 253.002 Department of Environmental Protection, water 247 management districts, <u>Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission</u>, 248 and Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services; duties with 249 respect to state lands.--

(1) The Department of Environmental Protection shall
 perform all staff duties and functions related to the
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253 title to which is or will be vested in the Board of Trustees of 254 the Internal Improvement Trust Fund. However, upon the effective 255 date of rules adopted pursuant to s. 373.427, a water management 256 district created under s. 373.069 shall perform the staff duties 257 and functions related to the review of any application for 258 authorization to use board of trustees-owned submerged lands necessary for an activity regulated under part IV of chapter 373 259 260 for which the water management district has permitting 261 responsibility as set forth in an operating agreement adopted 262 pursuant to s. 373.046(4); and the Department of Agriculture and 263 Consumer Services shall perform the staff duties and functions 264 related to the review of applications and compliance with 265 conditions for use of board of trustees-owned submerged lands 266 under authorizations or leases issued pursuant to ss. 253.67-267 253.75 and 597.010. Unless expressly prohibited by law, the 268 board of trustees may delegate to the department any statutory 269 duty or obligation relating to the acquisition, administration, 270 or disposition of lands, title to which is or will be vested in the board of trustees. The board of trustees may also delegate 271 272 to any water management district created under s. 373.069 the 273 authority to take final agency action, without any action on 274 behalf of the board, on applications for authorization to use 275 board of trustees-owned submerged lands for any activity 276 regulated under part IV of chapter 373 for which the water 277 management district has permitting responsibility as set forth 278 in an operating agreement adopted pursuant to s. 373.046(4). This water management district responsibility under this 279 280 subsection shall be subject to the department's general

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281 supervisory authority pursuant to s. 373.026(7). The board of 282 trustees may also delegate to the Department of Agriculture and 283 Consumer Services the authority to take final agency action on 284 behalf of the board on applications to use board of trustees-285 owned submerged lands for any activity for which that department 286 has responsibility pursuant to ss. 253.67-253.75, 369.25, 287 369.251, and 597.010. However, the board of trustees shall 288 retain the authority to take final agency action on establishing 289 any areas for leasing, new leases, expanding existing lease 290 areas, or changing the type of lease activity in existing 291 leases. Upon issuance of an aquaculture lease or other real 292 property transaction relating to aquaculture, the Department of 293 Agriculture and Consumer Services must send a copy of the document and the accompanying survey to the Department of 294 295 Environmental Protection. The board of trustees may also 296 delegate to the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission the 297 authority to take final agency action, without any action on 298 behalf of the board, on applications for authorization to use 299 board of trustees-owned submerged lands for any activity 300 regulated under ss. s. 369.20 and 369.22.

301 Section 3. Effective October 1, 2009, subsections (4)
302 through (7) of section 253.04, Florida Statutes, are renumbered
303 as subsections (5) through (8), respectively, and a new
304 subsection (4) is added to that section to read:

305 253.04 Duty of board to protect, etc., state lands; state 306 may join in any action brought.--

307 (4) (a) The duty to conserve and improve state-owned lands
 308 and the products thereof shall include the preservation and

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309	regeneration of seagrass, which is deemed essential to the
310	oceans, gulfs, estuaries, and shorelines of the state. A person
311	operating a vessel outside a lawfully marked channel in a
312	careless manner that causes seagrass scarring within an aquatic
313	preserve established in ss. 258.39-258.399, with the exception
314	of the Lake Jackson, Oklawaha River, Wekiva River, and Rainbow
315	Springs aquatic preserves, commits a noncriminal infraction,
316	punishable as provided in s. 327.73. Each violation is a
317	separate offense. As used in this subsection, the term:
318	1. "Seagrass" means Cuban shoal grass (Halodule wrightii),
319	turtle grass (Thalassia testudinum), manatee grass (Syringodium
320	filiforme), star grass (Halophila engelmannii), paddle grass
321	(Halophila decipiens), Johnson's seagrass (Halophila johnsonii),
322	or widgeon grass (Ruppia maritima).
323	2. "Seagrass scarring" means destruction of seagrass
324	roots, shoots, or stems that results in tracks on the substrate
325	commonly referred to as prop scars or propeller scars caused by
326	the operation of a motorized vessel in waters supporting
327	seagrasses.
328	(b) Any violation under paragraph (a) is a violation of
329	the vessel laws of this state and shall be charged on a uniform
330	boating citation as provided in s. 327.74. Any person who
331	refuses to post a bond or accept and sign a uniform boating
332	citation commits a misdemeanor of the second degree, as provided
333	in s. 327.73(3), punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s.
334	775.083.
335	Section 4. Effective September 1, 2009, subsection (3) of
336	section 319.32, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
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365 Section 7. Subsection (4) of section 327.35, Florida 366 Statutes, is amended to read:

367 327.35 Boating under the influence; penalties; "designated 368 drivers".--

369 (1) A person is guilty of the offense of boating under the
370 influence and is subject to punishment as provided in subsection
371 (2) if the person is operating a vessel within this state and:

(a) The person is under the influence of alcoholic
beverages, any chemical substance set forth in s. 877.111, or
any substance controlled under chapter 893, when affected to the
extent that the person's normal faculties are impaired;

(b) The person has a blood-alcohol level of 0.08 or more grams of alcohol per 100 milliliters of blood; or

378 (c) The person has a breath-alcohol level of 0.08 or more379 grams of alcohol per 210 liters of breath.

(4) Any person who is convicted of a violation ofsubsection (1) and who has a blood-alcohol level or breathalcohol level of <u>0.15</u> <del>0.20</del> or higher, or any person who isconvicted of a violation of subsection (1) and who at the timeof the offense was accompanied in the vessel by a person underthe age of 18 years, shall be punished:

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(a) By a fine of:

387 1. Not less than \$1,000 or more than \$2,000 for a first 388 conviction.

389 2. Not less than \$2,000 or more than \$4,000 for a second 390 conviction.

391 3. Not less than \$4,000 for a third or subsequent392 conviction.

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  - (b) By imprisonment for:
- 394 1. Not more than 9 months for a first conviction.
- 395 2. Not more than 12 months for a second conviction.
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For the purposes of this subsection, only the instant offense is required to be a violation of subsection (1) by a person who has a blood-alcohol level or breath-alcohol level of 0.15 0.20 or higher.

401 Section 8. Paragraph (a) of subsection (2) of section 402 327.36, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

403 327.36 Mandatory adjudication; prohibition against 404 accepting plea to lesser included offense.--

(2) (a) No trial judge may accept a plea of guilty to a lesser offense from a person who is charged with a violation of s. 327.35, manslaughter resulting from the operation of a vessel, or vessel homicide and who has been given a breath or blood test to determine blood or breath alcohol content, the results of which show a blood-alcohol level or breath-alcohol level of 0.15 0.16 or more.

Section 9. Effective January 1, 2010, subsections (1),
(6), and (7) of section 327.395, Florida Statutes, are amended,
and subsection (12) is added to that section, to read:

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327.395 Boating safety identification cards.--

(1) A person <u>born on or after January 1, 1988, 21 years of</u>
age or younger may not operate a vessel powered by a motor of 10
horsepower or greater unless such person has in his or her
possession aboard the vessel photographic identification and a
boater safety identification card issued by the commission which

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421 shows that he or she has:

(a) Completed a commission-approved boater education
course that meets the minimum 8-hour instruction requirement
established by the National Association of State Boating Law
Administrators;

426 (b) Passed a course equivalency examination approved by 427 the commission; or

428 (c) Passed a temporary certificate examination developed429 or approved by the commission.

430 (6) A person is exempt from subsection (1) if he or she:

(a) Is licensed by the United States Coast Guard to serveas master of a vessel.

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(b) Operates a vessel only on a private lake or pond.

(c) Is accompanied in the vessel by a person who is exempt
from this section or who holds an identification card in
compliance with this section, is 18 years of age or older, and
is attendant to the operation of the vessel and responsible <u>for</u>
the safe operation of the vessel and for any violation that
occurs during the operation.

(d) Is a nonresident who has in his or her possession proof that he or she has completed a boater education course or equivalency examination in another state which meets or exceeds the requirements of subsection (1).

(e) Is operating a vessel within 90 days after the purchase of that vessel and has available for inspection aboard that vessel a bill of sale meeting the requirements of s. 328.46(1). (f) (e) Is exempted by rule of the commission.

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449 A person who operates a vessel in violation of (7)450 subsection (1) commits violates this section is guilty of a 451 noncriminal infraction, punishable as provided in s. 327.73. 452 This section may be cited as the "Osmany 'Ozzie' (12)453 Castellanos Boating Safety Education Act." 454 Section 10. Effective October 1, 2009, section 327.40, 455 Florida Statutes, is amended to read: 456 327.40 Uniform waterway markers for safety and navigation; informational markers.--457 458 Waters of this state Waterways in Florida which need (1)459 marking for safety or navigation purposes shall be marked only 460 in conformity with under the United States Aids to Navigation 461 System, 33 C.F.R. part 62. Until December 31, 2003, channel 462 markers and obstruction markers conforming to the Uniform State 463 Waterway Marking System, 33 C.F.R. subpart 66.10, may continue 464 to be used on waters of this state that are not navigable waters of the United States. 465 466 (2) (a) Application for marking inland lakes and state 467 waters and any navigable waters under concurrent jurisdiction of the Coast Guard and the division shall be made to the division, 468 469 accompanied by a map locating the approximate placement of 470 markers, a list of the markers to be placed, a statement of the 471 specification of the markers, a statement of the purpose of 472 marking, and the names of persons responsible for the placement 473 and upkeep of such markers. The division will assist the applicant to secure the proper permission from the Coast Guard 474 where required, make such investigations as needed, and issue a 475 476 permit. The division shall furnish the applicant with the

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477 information concerning the system adopted and the rules existing 478 for placing and maintaining the markers. The division shall keep 479 records of all approvals given and counsel with individuals, 480 counties, municipalities, motorboat clubs, or other groups 481 desiring to mark waterways for safety and navigation purposes in 482 Florida.

(b)1. No person or municipality, county, or other
governmental entity shall place any <u>uniform waterway marker</u>
safety or navigation markers in, on, or over the waters or
shores of the state without a permit from the division.

487 2. 488 including, but not limited to, markers indicating end of boat 489 ramp, no swimming, swimming area, lake name, trash receptacle, 490 public health notice, or underwater hazard and canal, 491 regulatory, emergency, and special event markers, by counties, 492 municipalities, or other governmental entities on inland lakes 493 and their associated canals are exempt from permitting under 494 this section. Such markers, excluding swimming area and special 495 event markers, may be no more than 50 feet from the normal 496 shoreline.

497 (c) The commission is authorized to adopt rules pursuant498 to chapter 120 to implement this section.

(3) The placement <u>under this section or s. 327.41</u> of any
<u>uniform waterway marker</u> safety or navigation marker or any
informational marker under subparagraph (2)(b)2. on state
submerged lands <del>under this section</del> does not subject such lands
to the lease requirements of chapter 253.

504 Section 11. Effective October 1, 2009, subsection (2) of Page 18 of 82

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505 section 327.41, Florida Statutes, is amended to read: 506 327.41 Uniform waterway regulatory markers.--507 (2) Any county or municipality which has been granted a 508 boating-restricted restricted area designation, by rule of the 509 commission pursuant to s. 327.46(1)(a), for a portion of the 510 Florida Intracoastal Waterway within its jurisdiction or which has adopted a boating-restricted restricted area by ordinance 511 512 pursuant to s. 327.46(1)(b) or (c) s. 327.22, s. 327.60, or s. 513 379.2431(2)(p), or any other governmental entity which has 514 legally established a boating-restricted restricted area, may 515 apply to the commission for permission to place regulatory 516 markers within the boating-restricted restricted area. 517 Section 12. Effective October 1, 2009, section 327.42, 518 Florida Statutes, is amended to read: 519 327.42 Mooring to or damaging of uniform waterway markers 520 or buoys prohibited. --521 No person shall moor or fasten a vessel to a lawfully (1) 522 placed uniform waterway aid-to-navigation marker or buoy, 523 regulatory marker or buoy, or area boundary marker or buoy, 524 placed or erected by any governmental agency, except in case of 525 emergency or with the written consent of the marker's owner. 526 No person shall willfully damage, alter, or move a (2)527 lawfully placed uniform waterway aid-to-navigation marker or 528 buoy, regulatory marker or buoy, or area boundary marker or 529 buoy. Section 13. Effective October 1, 2009, section 327.46, 530 Florida Statutes, is amended to read: 531 532 327.46 Boating-restricted Restricted areas.--Page 19 of 82

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533	(1) Boating-restricted The commission has the authority to
534	establish by rule, pursuant to chapter 120, restricted areas,
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	including, but not limited to, restrictions of vessel speeds and
536	vessel traffic, may be established on the waters of this the
537	state for any purpose <del>deemed</del> necessary <u>to protect</u> <del>for</del> the safety
538	of the public <u>if</u> , including, but not limited to, vessel speeds
539	and vessel traffic, where such restrictions are deemed necessary
540	based on boating accidents, visibility, hazardous currents or
541	water levels, vessel traffic congestion, or other navigational
542	hazards.
543	(a) The commission may establish boating-restricted areas
544	by rule pursuant to chapter 120.
545	(b) Municipalities and counties have the authority to
546	establish the following boating-restricted areas by ordinance:
547	1. An ordinance establishing an idle speed, no wake
548	boating-restricted area, if the area is:
549	a. Within 500 feet of any boat ramp, hoist, marine
550	railway, or other launching or landing facility available for
551	use by the general boating public on waterways more than 300
552	feet in width or within 300 feet of any boat ramp, hoist, marine
553	railway, or other launching or landing facility available for
554	use by the general boating public on waterways not exceeding 300
555	feet in width.
556	b. Within 500 feet of fuel pumps or dispensers at any
557	marine fueling facility that sells motor fuel to the general
558	boating public on waterways more than 300 feet in width or
559	within 300 feet of the fuel pumps or dispensers at any licensed
560	terminal facility that sells motor fuel to the general boating
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#### 561 public on waterways not exceeding 300 feet in width. 562 c. Inside or within 300 feet of any lock structure. 563 2. An ordinance establishing a slow speed, minimum wake 564 boating-restricted area if the area is: 565 Within 300 feet of any bridge fender system. a. 566 b. Within 300 feet of any bridge span presenting a 567 vertical clearance of less than 25 feet or a horizontal 568 clearance of less than 100 feet. 569 c. On a creek, stream, canal, or similar linear waterway 570 if the waterway is less than 75 feet in width from shoreline to 571 shoreline. 572 d. On a lake or pond of less than 10 acres in total 573 surface area. 574 3. An ordinance establishing a vessel-exclusion zone if 575 the area is: 576 a. Designated as a public bathing beach or swim area. 577 b. Within 300 feet of a dam, spillway, or flood control 578 structure. 579 (c) Municipalities and counties have the authority to 580 establish by ordinance the following other boating-restricted 581 areas: 582 1. An ordinance establishing an idle speed, no wake 583 boating-restricted area, if the area is within 300 feet of a 584 confluence of water bodies presenting a blind corner, a bend in 585 a narrow channel or fairway, or such other area if an 586 intervening obstruction to visibility may obscure other vessels 587 or other users of the waterway.

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588	2. An ordinance establishing a slow speed, minimum wake,
589	or numerical speed limit boating-restricted area if the area is:
590	a. Within 300 feet of a confluence of water bodies
591	presenting a blind corner, a bend in a narrow channel or
592	fairway, or such other area if an intervening obstruction to
593	visibility may obscure other vessels or other users of the
594	waterway.
595	b. Subject to unsafe levels of vessel traffic congestion.
596	c. Subject to hazardous water levels or currents, or
597	containing other navigational hazards.
598	d. An area that accident reports, uniform boating
599	citations, vessel traffic studies, or other creditable data
600	demonstrate to present a significant risk of collision or a
601	significant threat to boating safety.
602	3. An ordinance establishing a vessel-exclusion zone if
603	the area is reserved exclusively:
604	a. As a canoe trail or otherwise limited to vessels under
605	oars or under sail.
606	b. For a particular activity and user group separation
607	must be imposed to protect the safety of those participating in
608	such activity.
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610	Any of the ordinances adopted pursuant to this paragraph shall
611	not take effect until the commission has reviewed the ordinance
612	and determined by substantial competent evidence that the
613	ordinance is necessary to protect public safety pursuant to this
614	paragraph. Any application for approval of an ordinance shall be
615	reviewed and acted upon within 90 days after receipt of a
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616 completed application. Within 30 days after a municipality or 617 county submits an application for approval to the commission, 618 the commission shall advise the municipality or county as to 619 what information, if any, is needed to deem the application 620 complete. An application shall be considered complete upon 621 receipt of all requested information and correction of any error 622 or omission for which the applicant was timely notified or when 623 the time for such notification has expired. The commission's 624 action on the application shall be subject to review under 625 chapter 120. The commission shall initiate rulemaking no later 626 than January 1, 2010, to provide criteria and procedures for 627 reviewing applications and procedures for providing for public 628 notice and participation pursuant to this paragraph.

629 (2) Each such <u>boating-restricted</u> restricted area shall be
630 developed in consultation and coordination with the governing
631 body of the county or municipality in which the <u>boating-</u>
632 restricted restricted area is located and, <u>when the boating-</u>
633 restricted area is to be on the navigable waters of the United
634 <u>States</u> where required, with the United States Coast Guard and
635 the United States Army Corps of Engineers.

636 <u>(3) (2)</u> It is unlawful for any person to operate a vessel 637 in a prohibited manner or to carry on any prohibited activity, 638 as defined in this chapter, deemed a safety hazard or 639 interference with navigation as provided above within a <u>boating-</u> 640 <u>restricted restricted water</u> area which has been clearly marked 641 by regulatory markers as authorized under this chapter.

642 (4) (3) <u>Restrictions in a boating-restricted area</u>
 643 established pursuant to this section shall not apply in the case
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644	of an emergency or to a law enforcement, firefighting, or rescue
645	vessel owned or operated by a governmental entity.
646	Section 14. Effective October 1, 2009, section 327.60,
647	Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
648	327.60 Local regulations; limitations
649	(1) The provisions of this chapter and chapter 328 ss.
650	<del>327.01, 327.02, 327.30-327.40, 327.44-327.50, 327.54, 327.56,</del>
651	327.65, 328.40-328.48, 328.52-328.58, 328.62, and 328.64 shall
652	govern the operation, equipment, and all other matters relating
653	thereto whenever any vessel shall be operated upon the <u>waters of</u>
654	this state waterways or when any activity regulated hereby shall
655	take place thereon.
656	(2) Nothing in this chapter or chapter 328 these sections
657	shall be construed to prevent the adoption of any ordinance or
658	local <u>regulation</u> <del>law</del> relating to operation <del>and equipment</del> of
659	vessels, except that <u>a county or municipality shall not enact,</u>
660	continue in effect, or enforce any ordinance or local
661	regulation:
662	(a) Establishing a vessel or associated equipment
663	performance or other safety standard, imposing a requirement for
664	associated equipment, or regulating the carrying or use of
665	marine safety articles;
666	(b) Relating to the design, manufacture, installation, or
667	use of any marine sanitation device on any vessel;
668	(c) Regulating any vessel upon the Florida Intracoastal
669	Waterway;
670	(d) Discriminating against personal watercraft;
671	(e) Discriminating against airboats, for ordinances

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672 adopted after July 1, 2006, unless adopted by a two-thirds vote 673 of the governing body enacting such ordinance; 674 Regulating the anchoring of vessels other than live-(f) 675 aboard vessels outside the marked boundaries of mooring fields 676 permitted as provided in s. 327.40; 677 (g) Regulating engine or exhaust noise, except as provided 678 in s. 327.65; or 679 That conflicts with any provisions of this chapter or (h) 680 any amendments thereto or rules adopted thereunder. no such 681 ordinance or local law may apply to the Florida Intracoastal 682 Waterway and except that such ordinances or local laws shall be 683 operative only when they are not in conflict with this chapter 684 or any amendments thereto or regulations thereunder. Any 685 ordinance or local law which has been adopted pursuant to this 686 section or to any other state law may not discriminate against 687 personal watercraft as defined in s. 327.02. Effective July 1, 688 2006, any ordinance or local law adopted pursuant to this 689 section or any other state law may not discriminate against 690 airboats except by a two-thirds vote of the governing body 691 enacting such ordinance. 692 (3) (2) Nothing contained in the provisions of this section 693 shall be construed to prohibit local governmental authorities 694 from the enactment or enforcement of regulations which prohibit 695 or restrict the mooring or anchoring of floating structures or live-aboard vessels within their jurisdictions or of any vessels 696 within the marked boundaries of mooring fields permitted as 697 provided in s. 327.40. However, local governmental authorities 698

are prohibited from regulating the anchoring outside of such

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701 <u>defined in s. 327.02</u> non-live-aboard vessels in navigation. 702 Section 15. Paragraph (a) of subsection (2) of section 703 327.65, Florida Statutes, is amended to read: 704 327.65 Muffling devices	s.
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705 (2)(a) Any county wishing to impose additional noise	s.
706 pollution and exhaust regulations on vessels may, pursuant to	
707 $327.60(2)(1)$ , adopt by county ordinance the following	
708 regulations:	
709 1. No person shall operate or give permission for the	
710 operation of any vessel on the waters of any county or on a	
711 specified portion of the waters of any county, including the	
712 Florida Intracoastal Waterway, which has adopted the provisio	ns
713 of this section in such a manner as to exceed the following	
714 sound levels at a distance of 50 feet from the vessel: for al	1
715 vessels, a maximum sound level of 90 dB A.	
716 2. Any person who refuses to submit to a sound level te	st
717 when requested to do so by a law enforcement officer is guilt	У
718 of a misdemeanor of the second degree, punishable as provided	in
719 s. 775.082 or s. 775.083.	
720 Section 16. Section 327.66, Florida Statutes, is create	d
721 to read:	
722 <u>327.66 Carriage of gasoline on vessels</u>	
723 (1) (a) A person shall not:	
724 <u>1. Possess or operate any vessel that has been equipped</u>	
725 with tanks, bladders, drums, or other containers designed or	
726 intended to hold gasoline, or install or maintain such	
727 <u>containers in a vessel, if such containers do not conform to</u>	

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728	federal regulations or have not been approved by the United
729	States Coast Guard by inspection or special permit.
730	2. Transport any gasoline in an approved portable
731	container when the container is in a compartment that is not
732	ventilated in strict compliance with United States Coast Guard
733	regulations pertaining to ventilation of compartments containing
734	gasoline tanks.
735	(b) A person who violates paragraph (a) commits a
736	misdemeanor of the second degree, punishable as provided in s.
737	775.082 or s. 775.083.
738	(2)(a) Gasoline possessed or transported in violation of
739	this section and all containers holding such gasoline are
740	declared to be a public nuisance. A law enforcement agency
741	discovering gasoline possessed or transported in violation of
742	paragraph (1)(a) shall abate the nuisance by removing the
743	gasoline and containers from the vessel and from the waters of
744	this state. A law enforcement agency that removes gasoline or
745	containers pursuant to this subsection may elect to:
746	1. Retain the property for the agency's own use;
747	2. Transfer the property to another unit of state or local
748	government;
749	3. Donate the property to a charitable organization; or
750	4. Sell the property at public sale pursuant to s.
751	705.103.
752	(b) A law enforcement agency that seizes gasoline or
753	containers pursuant to this subsection shall remove and reclaim,
754	recycle, or otherwise dispose of the gasoline as soon as
755	practicable in a safe and proper manner.

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756	(3) All conveyances, vessels, vehicles, and other
757	equipment described in paragraph (1)(a) or used in the
758	commission of a violation of paragraph (1)(a), other than
759	gasoline or containers removed as provided in subsection (2),
760	are declared to be contraband.
761	(a) Upon conviction of a person arrested for a violation
762	of paragraph (1)(a), the judge shall issue an order adjudging
763	and ordering that all conveyances, vessels, vehicles, and other
764	equipment used in the violation shall be forfeited to the
765	arresting agency. The requirement for a conviction before
766	forfeiture of property establishes to the exclusion of any
767	reasonable doubt that the property was used in connection with
768	the violation resulting in the conviction, and the procedures of
769	chapter 932 do not apply to any forfeiture of property under
770	this subsection following a conviction.
771	(b) In the absence of an arrest or conviction, any such
772	conveyance, vessel, vehicle, or other equipment used in
773	violation of paragraph (1)(a) shall be subject to seizure and
774	forfeiture as provided by the Florida Contraband Forfeiture Act.
775	(c) As used in this subsection, the term "conviction"
776	means a finding of guilt or the acceptance of a plea of guilty
777	or nolo contendere, regardless of whether adjudication is
778	withheld or whether imposition of sentence is withheld,
779	deferred, or suspended.
780	(4) All costs incurred by the law enforcement agency in
781	the removal of any gasoline, gasoline container, other
782	equipment, or vessel as provided in this section shall be
783	recoverable against the owner thereof. Any person who neglects
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784 or refuses to pay such amount shall not be issued a certificate 785 of registration for such vessel or for any other vessel or motor 786 vehicle until the costs have been paid. 787 (5) Foreign flagged vessels entering United States waters 788 and waters of this state in compliance with 19 U.S.C. s. 1433 789 are exempt from this section. 790 Section 17. Effective October 1, 2009, section 327.70, 791 Florida Statutes, is amended to read: 792 327.70 Enforcement of this chapter and chapter 328.--793 This chapter and chapter 328 shall be enforced by the (1)Division of Law Enforcement of the Fish and Wildlife 794 795 Conservation Commission and its officers, the sheriffs of the various counties and their deputies, municipal police officers, 796 797 and any other authorized law enforcement officer as defined in 798 s. 943.10, all of whom may order the removal of vessels deemed to be an interference or a hazard to public safety, enforce the 799 800 provisions of this chapter and chapter 328, or cause any 801 inspections to be made of all vessels in accordance with this 802 chapter and chapter 328. 803 (2) (a) Noncriminal violations of the following statutes 804 may be enforced by a uniform boating citation mailed to the 805 registered owner of an unattended vessel anchored, aground, or 806 moored on the waters of this state: 1. Section 327.33(3)(b), relating to navigation rules. 807 808 2. Section 327.44, relating to interference with 809 navigation. 810 3. Section 327.50(2), relating to required lights and 811 shapes.

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812	4. Section 327.53, relating to marine sanitation.
813	5. Section 328.48(5), relating to display of decal.
814	6. Section 328.52(2), relating to display of number.
815	(b) Citations issued to livery vessels under this
816	subsection shall be the responsibility of the lessee of the
817	vessel if the livery has included a warning of this
818	responsibility as a part of the rental agreement and has
819	provided to the agency issuing the citation the name, address,
820	and date of birth of the lessee when requested by that agency.
821	The livery is not responsible for the payment of citations if
822	the livery provides the required warning and lessee information.
823	(3) (2) Such officers shall have the power and duty to
824	issue such orders and to make such investigations, reports, and
825	arrests in connection with any violation of the provisions of
826	this chapter and chapter 328 as are necessary to effectuate the
827	intent and purpose of this chapter and chapter 328.
828	(4) (3) The Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission or
829	any other law enforcement agency may make any investigation
830	necessary to secure information required to carry out and
831	enforce the provisions of this chapter and chapter 328.
832	Section 18. Effective October 1, 2009, paragraph (k) of
833	subsection (1) of section 327.73, Florida Statutes, is amended,
834	and paragraph (x) is added to that subsection, to read:
835	327.73 Noncriminal infractions
836	(1) Violations of the following provisions of the vessel
837	laws of this state are noncriminal infractions:
838	(k) Violations relating to <u>boating-restricted</u> <del>restricted</del>
839	areas and speed limits:
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840	1. Established by the commission or by local governmental
841	authorities pursuant to s. 327.46.
842	2. Established by local governmental authorities pursuant
843	to s. 327.22 or s. 327.60.
844	2.3. Speed limits established pursuant to s. 379.2431(2).
845	(x) Section 253.04(4)(a), relating to carelessly causing
846	seagrass scarring, for which the civil penalty upon conviction
847	is:
848	1. For a first offense, \$50.
849	2. For a second offense occurring within 12 months after a
850	prior conviction, \$250.
851	3. For a third offense occurring within 36 months after a
852	prior conviction, \$500.
853	4. For a fourth or subsequent offense occurring within 72
854	months after a prior conviction, \$1,000.
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856	Any person cited for a violation of any such provision shall be
857	deemed to be charged with a noncriminal infraction, shall be
858	cited for such an infraction, and shall be cited to appear
859	before the county court. The civil penalty for any such
860	infraction is \$50, except as otherwise provided in this section.
861	Any person who fails to appear or otherwise properly respond to
862	a uniform boating citation shall, in addition to the charge
863	relating to the violation of the boating laws of this state, be
864	charged with the offense of failing to respond to such citation
865	and, upon conviction, be guilty of a misdemeanor of the second
866	degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083. A
867	written warning to this effect shall be provided at the time

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868 such uniform boating citation is issued.

869 Section 19. Subsection (1) of section 327.731, Florida870 Statutes, is amended to read:

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327.731 Mandatory education for violators.--

(1) Every person convicted of a criminal violation of this chapter, every person convicted of a noncriminal infraction under this chapter if the infraction resulted in a reportable boating accident, and every person convicted of two noncriminal infractions as defined in s. 327.73(1)(h) - (k), (m), (o), (p), and (s) - (x)(s) - (w), said infractions occurring within a 12-month period, must:

(a) Enroll in, attend, and successfully complete, at his or her own expense, a boating safety course that meets minimum standards established by the commission by rule; however, the commission may provide by rule pursuant to chapter 120 for waivers of the attendance requirement for violators residing in areas where classroom presentation of the course is not available;

(b) File with the commission within 90 days proof of successful completion of the course;

(c) Refrain from operating a vessel until he or she has filed the proof of successful completion of the course with the commission.

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Any person who has successfully completed an approved boating
course shall be exempt from these provisions upon showing proof
to the commission as specified in paragraph (b).

Section 20. Effective October 1, 2009, subsections (1) and

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896	(2) of section 328.03, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:
897	328.03 Certificate of title required
898	(1) Each vessel that is operated, used, or stored on the
899	waters of this state must be titled by this state pursuant to
900	this chapter, unless it is:
901	(a) A vessel <u>operated,</u> used, or stored exclusively on
902	private lakes and ponds <u>;</u> .
903	(b) A vessel owned by the United States Government $;$ -
904	(c) A non-motor-powered vessel less than 16 feet in
905	length <u>;</u> .
906	(d) A federally documented vessel: $\cdot$
907	(e) A vessel already covered by a registration number in
908	full force and effect which was awarded to it pursuant to a
909	federally approved numbering system of another state or by the
910	United States Coast Guard in a state without a federally
911	approved numbering system, if the vessel is not located in this
912	state for a period in excess of 90 consecutive days $\underline{;} \cdot$
913	(f) A vessel from a country other than the United States
914	temporarily <u>used, operated, or stored on</u> <del>using</del> the waters of
915	this state for a period that is not in excess of 90 days $\underline{\cdot} \overline{\cdot}$
916	(g) An amphibious vessel for which a vehicle title is
917	issued by the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles $\underline{;} extsf{-}$
918	(h) A vessel used solely for demonstration, testing, or
919	sales promotional purposes by the manufacturer or dealer; or $\overline{\cdot}$
920	(i) A vessel owned and operated by the state or a
921	political subdivision thereof.
922	(2) A person shall not operate <u>, use, or store</u> a vessel for
923	which a certificate of title is required unless the owner has
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924 received from the Department of Highway Safety and Motor 925 Vehicles a valid certificate of title for such vessel. However, 926 such vessel may be operated, used, or stored for a period of up 927 to 180 days <u>after from</u> the date of application for a certificate 928 of title while the application is pending.

- 929 Section 21. Effective October 1, 2009, subsections (1) and 930 (2) of section 328.07, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:
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328.07 Hull identification number required.--

932 (1)No person shall operate, use, or store on the waters 933 of this state a vessel the construction of which began after 934 October 31, 1972, for which the department has issued a 935 certificate of title or which is required by law to be 936 registered, unless the vessel displays the assigned hull 937 identification number affixed by the manufacturer as required by 938 the United States Coast Guard or by the department for a homemade vessel or other vessel for which a hull identification 939 940 number is not required by the United States Coast Guard. The 941 hull identification number must be carved, burned, stamped, 942 embossed, or otherwise permanently affixed to the outboard side 943 of the transom or, if there is no transom, to the outermost 944 starboard side at the end of the hull that bears the rudder or 945 other steering mechanism, above the waterline of the vessel in 946 such a way that alteration, removal, or replacement would be 947 obvious and evident. The characters of the hull identification number must be no less than 12 in number and no less than one-948 949 fourth inch in height.

950 (2) No person shall operate, use, or store on the waters 951 of this state a vessel the construction of which was completed

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952 before November 1, 1972, for which the department has issued a 953 certificate of title or which is required by law to be 954 registered, unless the vessel displays a hull identification 955 number. The hull identification number shall be clearly 956 imprinted in the transom or on the hull by stamping, impressing, 957 or marking with pressure. In lieu of imprinting, the hull 958 identification number may be displayed on a plate in a permanent 959 manner. A vessel for which the manufacturer has provided no hull 960 identification number or a homemade vessel shall be assigned a 961 hull identification number by the department which shall be 962 affixed to the vessel pursuant to this section. 963 Section 22. Effective October 1, 2009, section 328.46, 964 Florida Statutes, is amended to read: 965 328.46 Operation of registered vessels.--966 Every vessel that is required to be registered and (1) 967 that is being operated, used, or stored on using the waters of 968 this state shall be registered and numbered within 30 days after 969 purchase by the owner except as specifically exempt. During this 970 30-day period, the operator is required to have aboard the 971 vessel and available for inspection a bill of sale. The bill of 972 sale for the vessel shall serve as the temporary certificate of 973 number that is required by federal law and must contain the 974 following information: (a) Make of the vessel. 975 976 Length of the vessel. (b) 977 (C) Type of propulsion. 978 (d) Hull identification number. 979 A statement declaring Florida to be the state where (e)

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980 the vessel is principally used.

981 (f) Name of the purchaser.

982 (g) Address of the purchaser, including ZIP code.

983 (h) Signature of the purchaser.

984 (i) Name of the seller.

985 (j) Signature of the seller.

986 (k) Date of the sale of the vessel. The date of sale shall 987 also serve as the date of issuance of the temporary certificate 988 of number.

989 (1) Notice to the purchaser and operator that the 990 temporary authority to use the vessel on the waters of this 991 state is invalid after 30 days following the date of sale of the 992 vessel.

993 (2) No person shall operate, use, or store or give 994 permission for the operation, use, or storage of any such vessel 995 on such waters unless:

996 (a) Such vessel is registered within 30 days after
997 purchase by the owner and numbered with the identifying number
998 set forth in the certificate of registration, displayed:

999 1. In accordance with s. 328.48(4), except, if the vessel 1000 is an airboat, the registration number may be displayed on each 1001 side of the rudder; or

1002 2. In accordance with 33 C.F.R. s. 173.27, or with a 1003 federally approved numbering system of another state; and

1004 (b) The certificate of registration or temporary 1005 certificate of number awarded to such vessel is in full force 1006 and effect.

1007 Section 23. Effective October 1, 2009, subsection (2) of Page 36 of 82

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#### CS/CS/HB 1423, Engrossed 2 1008 section 328.48, Florida Statutes, is amended to read: 1009 328.48 Vessel registration, application, certificate, 1010 number, decal, duplicate certificate.--1011 Each vessel operated, All vessels used, or stored on (2) 1012 the waters of this the state must be registered as $a_{\tau}$ either 1013 commercial vessel or recreational vessel as defined in s. 327.02 this chapter, unless it is except as follows: 1014 1015 A vessel operated, used, and stored exclusively on (a) 1016 private lakes and ponds;-1017 (b) A vessel owned by the United States Government;-1018 (c) A vessel used exclusively as a ship's lifeboat; or-1019 (d) A non-motor-powered vessel less than 16 feet in 1020 length, or a and any non-motor-powered canoe, kayak, racing 1021 shell, or rowing scull, regardless of length. Section 24. Effective October 1, 2009, section 328.56, 1022 1023 Florida Statutes, is amended to read: 1024 328.56 Vessel registration number.--Each vessel that is 1025 operated, used, or stored on the waters of this the state must 1026 display a commercial or recreational Florida registration 1027 number, unless it is: 1028 (1) A vessel operated, used, and stored exclusively on 1029 private lakes and ponds;-1030 (2) A vessel owned by the United States Government;-(3) A vessel used exclusively as a ship's lifeboat; -1031 A non-motor-powered vessel less than 16 feet in 1032 (4) 1033 length, or a and any non-motor-powered canoe, kayak, racing shell, or rowing scull, regardless of length; -1034 1035 A federally documented vessel; -(5)

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(6) A vessel already covered by a registration number in full force and effect which has been awarded to it pursuant to a federally approved numbering system of another state or by the United States Coast Guard in a state without a federally approved numbering system, if the vessel has not been within this state for a period in excess of 90 consecutive days;-

1042 (7) A vessel operating under a valid temporary certificate
1043 of number;-

1044 (8) A vessel from a country other than the United States 1045 temporarily using the waters of this state; or.

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(9) An undocumented vessel used exclusively for racing.

1047 Section 25. Effective October 1, 2009, section 328.58,1048 Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1049 328.58 Reciprocity of nonresident or alien vessels.--The 1050 owner of any vessel already covered by a registration number in 1051 full force and effect which has been awarded <u>by</u>:

1052 (1) By Another state pursuant to a federally approved
1053 numbering system of another state;

1054 (2) By The United States Coast Guard in a state without a
 1055 federally approved numbering system; or

1056 (3) By The United States Coast Guard for a federally
1057 documented vessel with a valid registration in full force and
1058 effect from another state,

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1060 shall record the number with the Department of Highway Safety 1061 and Motor Vehicles prior to operating, using, or storing the 1062 vessel on the waters of this state in excess of the 90-day 1063 reciprocity period provided for in this chapter. Such

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1064 recordation shall be pursuant to the procedure required for the 1065 award of an original registration number, except that no 1066 additional or substitute registration number shall be issued if 1067 the vessel owner maintains the previously awarded registration 1068 number in full force and effect.

1069 Section 26. Effective October 1, 2009, section 328.60, 1070 Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

328.60 Military personnel; registration; penalties.--Any 1071 1072 military personnel on active duty in this state operating, 1073 using, or storing a vessel on the waters of this state that has 1074 a registration number in full force and effect which has been 1075 awarded to it pursuant to a federally approved numbering system 1076 of another state or by the United States Coast Guard in a state 1077 without a federally approved numbering system, or a federally 1078 documented vessel with a valid registration in full force and 1079 effect from another state shall not be required to register his 1080 or her vessel in this state while such certificate of 1081 registration remains valid; but, at the expiration of such registration certificate, all registration and titling shall be 1082 issued by this state. In the case of a federally documented 1083 1084 vessel, the issuance of a title is not required by this chapter.

1085 Section 27. Effective October 1, 2009, section 328.65, 1086 Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1087 328.65 Legislative intent with respect to registration and 1088 numbering of vessels.--It is the legislative intent that vessels 1089 be registered and numbered uniformly throughout the state. The 1090 purpose of ss. 327.58, 327.70, 327.72, 328.66, 328.68, and 1091 328.72 is to make registration and numbering procedures similar

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1092 to those of automobiles and airplanes and to provide for a 1093 vessel registration fee and certificate so as to determine the 1094 ownership of vessels which <u>are operated</u>, <u>used</u>, <u>or stored</u> <del>operate</del> 1095 on the waters of this state and to aid in the advancement of 1096 maritime safety.

1097Section 28. Effective October 1, 2009, subsection (1) of1098section 328.66, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1099 328.66 County and municipality optional registration 1100 fee.--

1101 Any county may impose an annual registration fee on (1)1102 vessels registered, operated, used, or stored on the waters of this state in the water within its jurisdiction. This fee shall 1103 1104 be 50 percent of the applicable state registration fee. However, 1105 the first \$1 of every registration imposed under this subsection 1106 shall be remitted to the state for deposit in the Save the 1107 Manatee Trust Fund created within the Fish and Wildlife 1108 Conservation Commission, and shall be used only for the purposes 1109 specified in s. 379.2431(4). All other moneys received from such 1110 fee shall be expended for the patrol, regulation, and maintenance of the lakes, rivers, and waters and for other 1111 1112 boating-related activities of such municipality or county. A municipality that was imposing a registration fee before April 1113 1114 1, 1984, may continue to levy such fee, notwithstanding the provisions of this section. 1115

1116 Section 29. Effective October 1, 2009, subsection (13) of 1117 section 328.72, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1118 328.72 Classification; registration; fees and charges; 1119 surcharge; disposition of fees; fines; marine turtle stickers.--

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1120	(13) EXPIRED REGISTRATIONThe operation, use, or storage
1121	on the waters of this state of a previously registered vessel
1122	after the expiration of the registration period is a noncriminal
1123	violation, as defined in s. 327.73. This subsection does not
1124	apply to vessels lawfully stored at a dock or in a marina.
1125	Section 30. Subsections (13) and (14) are added to section
1126	369.20, Florida Statutes, to read:
1127	369.20 Florida Aquatic Weed Control Act
1128	(13) The commission has the power to enforce this section
1129	in the same manner and to the same extent as provided in ss.
1130	379.501-379.504.
1131	(14) Activities that are exempt from permitting pursuant
1132	to s. 403.813(1)(r) are granted a mixing zone for turbidity for
1133	a distance not to exceed 150 meters downstream in flowing
1134	streams or 150 meters in radius in other water bodies as
1135	measured from the cutterhead, return flow discharge, or other
1136	points of generation of turbidity.
1137	Section 31. Subsections (13) and (14) are added to section
1138	369.22, Florida Statutes, to read:
1139	369.22 Aquatic plant management
1140	(13) The commission has the power to enforce this section
1141	in the same manner and to the same extent as provided in ss.
1142	379.501-379.504.
1143	(14) Activities that are exempt from permitting pursuant
1144	to s. 403.813(1)(r) are granted a mixing zone for turbidity for
1145	a distance not to exceed 150 meters downstream in flowing
1146	streams or 150 meters in radius in other water bodies as
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1148	points of generation of turbidity.
1149	Section 32. Paragraph (j) of subsection (3) of section
1150	369.25, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
1151	369.25 Aquatic plants; definitions; permits; powers of
1152	department; penalties
1153	(3) The department has the following powers:
1154	(j) To enforce this section and s. 369.251 this chapter in
1155	the same manner and to the same extent as provided in s.
1156	581.211.
1157	Section 33. Subsections (1) and (5) of section 379.304,
1158	Florida Statutes, are amended to read:
1159	379.304 Exhibition or sale of wildlife
1160	(1) Permits issued pursuant to <u>s. 379.3761</u> this section
1161	and places where wildlife is kept or held in captivity shall be
1162	subject to inspection by officers of the commission at all
1163	times. The commission shall have the power to release or
1164	confiscate any specimens of any wildlife, specifically birds,
1165	mammals, amphibians, or reptiles, whether indigenous to the
1166	state or not, when it is found that conditions under which they
1167	are being confined are unsanitary, or unsafe to the public in
1168	any manner, or that the species of wildlife are being
1169	maltreated, mistreated, or neglected or kept in any manner
1170	contrary to the provisions of chapter 828, any such permit to
1171	the contrary notwithstanding. Before any such wildlife is
1172	confiscated or released under the authority of this section, the
1173	owner thereof shall have been advised in writing of the
1174	existence of such unsatisfactory conditions; the owner shall
1175	have been given 30 days in which to correct such conditions; the
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1176 owner shall have failed to correct such conditions; the owner 1177 shall have had an opportunity for a proceeding pursuant to 1178 chapter 120; and the commission shall have ordered such 1179 confiscation or release after careful consideration of all 1180 evidence in the particular case in question. The final order of 1181 the commission shall constitute final agency action.

1182 (5) A violation of this section is punishable as provided 1183 by s. 379.4015 <del>379.401</del>.

1184 Section 34. Section 379.338, Florida Statutes, is amended 1185 to read:

1186379.338Confiscation and disposition of illegally taken1187wildlife, freshwater fish, and saltwater fishgame.--

1188 (1) All wildlife, game and freshwater fish, and saltwater 1189 fish seized under the authority of this chapter, any other 1190 chapter, or rules of the commission shall, upon conviction of the offender or sooner in accordance with a court order if the 1191 court so orders, be forfeited to the investigating law 1192 1193 enforcement agency. The law enforcement agency may elect to retain the wildlife, freshwater fish, or saltwater fish for the 1194 1195 agency's official use; transfer it to another unit of state or 1196 local government for official use; donate it to a charitable 1197 organization; sell it at a public sale pursuant to s. 705.103; 1198 or destroy the wildlife, freshwater fish, or saltwater fish if 1199 none of the other options is practicable or if the wildlife, 1200 freshwater fish, or saltwater fish is unwholesome or otherwise 1201 not of appreciable value. All illegally possessed live wildlife, 1202 freshwater fish, and saltwater fish that are properly documented 1203 as evidence as provided in s. 379.3381 may be returned to the

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1204 <u>habitat unharmed. Any unclaimed wildlife, freshwater fish, or</u> 1205 <u>saltwater fish shall be retained by the investigating law</u> 1206 <u>enforcement agency and disposed of in accordance with this</u> 1207 <u>subsection</u> and given to some hospital or charitable institution 1208 and receipt therefor sent to the Fish and Wildlife Conservation 1209 <u>Commission</u>.

1210 (2) All furs or hides or fur-bearing animals seized under 1211 the authority of this chapter shall, upon conviction of the 1212 offender, be forfeited and sent to the commission, which shall sell the same and deposit the proceeds of such sale to the 1213 1214 credit of the State Game Trust Fund. If any such hides or furs 1215 are seized and the offender is unknown, the court shall order such hides or furs sent to the Fish and Wildlife Conservation 1216 1217 commission, which shall sell such hides and furs.

1218 (3) Except as otherwise provided by law, and deposit the 1219 proceeds of any such sale under this section shall be deposited 1220 in to the credit of the State Game Trust Fund or the Marine 1221 Resources Conservation Trust Fund.

1222 Any state, county, or municipal law enforcement agency (4) 1223 that enforces or assists the commission in enforcing this 1224 chapter, which enforcement results in a forfeiture of property 1225 as provided in this section, is entitled to receive all or a 1226 share of any property based upon its participation in the 1227 enforcement. 1228 Section 35. Section 379.3381, Florida Statutes, is created 1229 to read: 1230 379.3381 Photographic evidence of illegally taken

1231 wildlife, freshwater fish, and saltwater fish.--In any

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1232 prosecution for a violation of this chapter, any other chapter, 1233 or rules of the commission, a photograph of illegally taken wildlife, freshwater fish, or saltwater fish may be deemed 1234 1235 competent evidence of such property and may be admissible in the 1236 prosecution to the same extent as if such wildlife, freshwater 1237 fish, or saltwater fish were introduced as evidence. Such 1238 photograph shall bear a written description of the wildlife, 1239 freshwater fish, or saltwater fish alleged to have been 1240 illegally taken, the name of the violator, the location where 1241 the alleged illegal taking occurred, the name of the 1242 investigating law enforcement officer, the date the photograph 1243 was taken, and the name of the photographer. Such writing shall 1244 be made under oath by the investigating law enforcement officer, 1245 and the photograph shall be identified by the signature of the 1246 photographer. 1247 Section 36. Effective August 1, 2009, paragraphs (n) 1248 through (q) of subsection (2) of section 379.353, Florida 1249 Statutes, are redesignated as paragraphs (m) through (p), 1250 respectively, and paragraphs (d), (h), and (m) of that

1251 subsection are amended to read:

1252 379.353 Recreational licenses and permits; exemptions from 1253 fees and requirements.--

1254 (2) A hunting, freshwater fishing, or saltwater fishing1255 license or permit is not required for:

(d) Any resident freshwater fishing for recreational
purposes only, within her or his county of residence with live
or natural bait, using poles or lines not equipped with a
fishing line retrieval mechanism. This exemption does not apply

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1260 to residents fishing in a legally established fish management 1261 area.

Any resident saltwater fishing from land or from a 1262 (h) 1263 structure fixed to the land who has been determined eligible for 1264 the food stamp, temporary cash assistance, or Medicaid programs 1265 by the Department of Children and Family Services. A benefit 1266 issuance or program identification card issued by the Department 1267 of Children and Family Services or the Agency for Health Care 1268 Administration shall serve as proof of program eligibility. The 1269 individual must have the benefit issuance or program 1270 identification card and positive proof of identification in her 1271 or his possession when fishing.

1272 (m) Any resident fishing for a saltwater species in fresh 1273 water from land or from a structure fixed to land.

Section 37. Effective July 1, 2010, paragraphs (h), (i), and (j) of subsection (4) and subsections (8), (11), and (12) of section 379.354, Florida Statutes, are amended, and effective July 15, 2009, paragraph (k) is added to subsection (4) of that section, to read:

1279 379.354 Recreational licenses, permits, and authorization 1280 numbers; fees established.--

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

(h) Annual sportsman's license, \$79, except that an annual
sportsman's license for a resident 64 years of age or older is
\$1286 \$12. A sportsman's license authorizes the person to whom it is
issued to take game and freshwater fish, subject to the state

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1288 and federal laws, rules, and regulations, including rules of the 1289 commission, in effect at the time of the taking. Other 1290 authorized activities include activities authorized by a 1291 management area permit, a muzzle-loading gun season permit, a 1292 crossbow season permit, a turkey permit, a Florida waterfowl 1293 permit, <u>a deer permit</u>, and an archery season permit.

1294 Annual gold sportsman's license, \$98.50. The gold (i) 1295 sportsman's license authorizes the person to whom it is issued 1296 to take freshwater fish, saltwater fish, and game, subject to 1297 the state and federal laws, rules, and regulations, including 1298 rules of the commission, in effect at the time of taking. Other 1299 authorized activities include activities authorized by a 1300 management area permit, a muzzle-loading gun season permit, a 1301 crossbow season permit, a turkey permit, a Florida waterfowl 1302 permit, a deer permit, an archery season permit, a snook permit, 1303 and a spiny lobster permit.

1304 Annual military gold sportsman's license, \$18.50. The (i) 1305 gold sportsman's license authorizes the person to whom it is issued to take freshwater fish, saltwater fish, and game, 1306 subject to the state and federal laws, rules, and regulations, 1307 1308 including rules of the commission, in effect at the time of 1309 taking. Other authorized activities include activities 1310 authorized by a management area permit, a muzzle-loading gun 1311 season permit, a crossbow season permit, a turkey permit, a Florida waterfowl permit, a deer permit, an archery season 1312 1313 permit, a snook permit, and a spiny lobster permit. Any resident 1314 who is an active or retired member of the United States Armed 1315 Forces, the United States Armed Forces Reserve, the National

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1316 Guard, the United States Coast Guard, or the United States Coast 1317 Guard Reserve is eligible to purchase the military gold 1318 sportsman's license upon submission of a current military 1319 identification card.

1320 (k) Annual resident shoreline fishing license, \$7.50. The 1321 annual resident shoreline fishing license allows any resident to 1322 saltwater fish from land or from a structure fixed to the land. 1323 This license is not required for any resident issued any other 1324 license identified in this section that allows the take of 1325 saltwater fish.

1326 SPECIFIED HUNTING, FISHING, AND RECREATIONAL ACTIVITY (8) 1327 PERMITS.--In order to ensure that the cultural heritage of 1328 hunting and sport fishing as recognized in s. 379.104 is passed 1329 on to future Floridians, the commission shall use up to 10 1330 percent of the proceeds from the hunting and sport fishing 1331 permits issued pursuant to this subsection to promote hunting 1332 and sport fishing activities with an emphasis on youth 1333 participation. In addition to any license required under this 1334 chapter, the following permits and fees for specified hunting, fishing, and other recreational uses and activities are 1335 1336 required:

(a) An annual Florida waterfowl permit for a resident or
nonresident to take wild ducks or geese within the state or its
coastal waters is \$5 \$3. Revenue generated from the sale of
waterfowl permits or that pro rata portion of any license that
includes waterfowl hunting privileges provided for in this
paragraph shall be used for conservation, research, and
management of waterfowl; for the development, restoration,

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# 1344 maintenance, and preservation of wetlands within the state; or 1345 to promote the cultural heritage of hunting.

(b)1. An annual Florida turkey permit for a resident to
take wild turkeys within the state is \$10 \$5. Revenue generated
from the sale of resident wild turkey permits or that pro rata
portion of any license that includes turkey hunting privileges
provided for in this subparagraph shall be used for the
conservation, research, and management of wild turkeys or to
promote the cultural heritage of hunting.

1353 2. An annual Florida turkey permit for a nonresident to 1354 take wild turkeys within the state is <u>\$125</u> <del>\$100</del>. <u>Revenue</u> 1355 <u>generated from the sale of nonresident wild turkey permits or</u> 1356 <u>that pro rata portion of any license that includes turkey</u> 1357 <u>hunting privileges provided for in this subparagraph shall be</u> 1358 <u>used for the conservation, research, and management of wild</u> 1359 <u>turkeys or to promote the cultural heritage of hunting.</u>

(c) An annual snook permit for a resident or nonresident
to take or possess any snook from any waters of the state is \$10
\$2. Revenue generated from the sale of snook permits shall be
used exclusively for programs to benefit the snook population.

(d) An annual spiny lobster permit for a resident or
nonresident to take or possess any spiny lobster for
recreational purposes from any waters of the state is <u>\$5</u> <del>\$2</del>.
Revenue generated from the sale of spiny lobster permits shall
be used exclusively for programs to benefit the spiny lobster
population.

1370 1371 (e) A \$5 fee is imposed for each of the following permits:1. An annual archery season permit for a resident or

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1372 nonresident to hunt within the state during any archery season 1373 authorized by the commission.

1374 2. An annual crossbow season permit for a resident or 1375 nonresident to hunt within the state during any crossbow season 1376 authorized by the commission.

1377 3. An annual muzzle-loading gun season permit for a
1378 resident or nonresident to hunt within the state during any
1379 muzzle-loading gun season authorized by the commission.

1380 (f) A special use permit for a resident or nonresident to 1381 participate in limited entry hunting or fishing activities as 1382 authorized by commission rule shall not exceed \$150 \$100 per day or \$300 \$250 per week. Notwithstanding any other provision of 1383 this chapter, there are no exclusions, exceptions, or exemptions 1384 1385 from this permit fee. In addition to the permit fee, the 1386 commission may charge each special use permit applicant a 1387 nonrefundable application fee not to exceed \$10.

(g)1. A management area permit for a resident or nonresident to hunt on, fish on, or otherwise use for outdoor recreational purposes land owned, leased, or managed by the commission, or by the state for the use and benefit of the commission, shall not exceed \$30 \$25 per year.

1393 2. Permit fees for short-term use of land that is owned, 1394 leased, or managed by the commission may be established by rule 1395 of the commission for activities on such lands. Such permits may 1396 be in lieu of, or in addition to, the annual management area 1397 permit authorized in subparagraph 1. <u>and subparagraph 4.</u>

13983. Other than for hunting or fishing, the provisions of1399this paragraph shall not apply on any lands not owned by the

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1400 commission, unless the commission has obtained the written 1401 consent of the owner or primary custodian of such lands.

4. A management area permit for a resident or nonresident
to hike, camp, or otherwise engage in other outdoor recreational
activities, except hunting or fishing, on management area lands
shall not exceed \$5 per day or \$30 per year.

1406 A recreational user permit is required to hunt on, (h)1. 1407 fish on, or otherwise use for outdoor recreational purposes land 1408 leased by the commission from private nongovernmental owners, 1409 except for those lands located directly north of the 1410 Apalachicola National Forest, east of the Ochlocknee River until 1411 the point the river meets the dam forming Lake Talquin, and 1412 south of the closest federal highway. The fee for a recreational 1413 user permit shall be based upon the economic compensation 1414 desired by the landowner, game population levels, desired hunter 1415 density, and administrative costs. The permit fee shall be set by commission rule on a per-acre basis. The recreational user 1416 1417 permit fee, less administrative costs of up to \$30 \$25 per permit, shall be remitted to the landowner as provided in the 1418 1419 lease agreement for each area.

1420 One minor dependent under 16 years of age may hunt 2. 1421 under the supervision of the permittee and is exempt from the recreational user permit requirements. The spouse and dependent 1422 1423 children of a permittee are exempt from the recreational user 1424 permit requirements when engaged in outdoor recreational 1425 activities other than hunting and when accompanied by a 1426 permittee. Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, 1427 no other exclusions, exceptions, or exemptions from the

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1428	recreational user permit fee are authorized.
1429	(i) An annual deer permit for a resident or nonresident to
1430	take deer within the state during any season authorized by the
1431	commission is \$5. Revenue generated from the sale of deer
1432	permits shall be used for the conservation, research, and
1433	management of white-tailed deer or to promote the cultural
1434	heritage of hunting.
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1436	The commission shall prepare an annual report documenting the
1437	use of funds generated pursuant to paragraphs (a) and (b) and
1438	shall submit the report to the Governor, the Speaker of the
1439	House of Representatives, and the President of the Senate no
1440	later than September 1 of each year.
1441	(11) RESIDENT LIFETIME HUNTING LICENSES
1442	(a) Lifetime hunting licenses are available to residents
1443	only, as follows, for:
1444	1. Persons 4 years of age or younger, for a fee of \$200.
1445	2. Persons 5 years of age or older, but under 13 years of
1446	age, for a fee of \$350.
1447	3. Persons 13 years of age or older, for a fee of \$500.
1448	(b) The following activities are authorized by the
1449	purchase of a lifetime hunting license:
1450	1. Taking, or attempting to take or possess, game
1451	consistent with the state and federal laws and regulations and
1452	rules of the commission in effect at the time of the taking.
1453	2. All activities authorized by a muzzle-loading gun
1454	season permit, a crossbow season permit, a turkey permit, an
1455	archery season permit, a Florida waterfowl permit, <u>a deer</u>
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1456	permit, and a management area permit, excluding fishing.
1457	(12) RESIDENT LIFETIME SPORTSMAN'S LICENSES
1458	(a) Lifetime sportsman's licenses are available to
1459	residents only, as follows, for:
1460	1. Persons 4 years of age or younger, for a fee of \$400.
1461	2. Persons 5 years of age or older, but under 13 years of
1462	age, for a fee of \$700.
1463	3. Persons 13 years of age or older, for a fee of \$1,000.
1464	(b) The following activities are authorized by the
1465	purchase of a lifetime sportsman's license:
1466	1. Taking, or attempting to take or possess, freshwater
1467	and saltwater fish, and game, consistent with the state and
1468	federal laws and regulations and rules of the commission in
1469	effect at the time of taking.
1470	2. All activities authorized by a management area permit,
1471	a muzzle-loading gun season permit, a crossbow season permit, a
1472	turkey permit, an archery season permit, a Florida waterfowl
1473	permit, <u>a deer permit,</u> a snook permit, and a spiny lobster
1474	permit.
1475	Section 38. Paragraph (c) of subsection (2) of section
1476	379.3671, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
1477	379.3671 Spiny lobster trap certificate program
1478	(2) TRANSFERABLE TRAP CERTIFICATES; TRAP TAGS; FEES;
1479	PENALTIESThe Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission shall
1480	establish a trap certificate program for the spiny lobster
1481	fishery of this state and shall be responsible for its
1482	administration and enforcement as follows:
1483	(c) Prohibitions; penalties

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1484 1. It is unlawful for a person to possess or use a spiny 1485 lobster trap in or on state waters or adjacent federal waters 1486 without having affixed thereto the trap tag required by this 1487 section. It is unlawful for a person to possess or use any other 1488 gear or device designed to attract and enclose or otherwise aid 1489 in the taking of spiny lobster by trapping that is not a trap as 1490 defined by commission rule.

1491 2. It is unlawful for a person to possess or use spiny 1492 lobster trap tags without having the necessary number of 1493 certificates on record as required by this section.

3. It is unlawful for any person to willfully molest, take possession of, or remove the contents of another harvester's spiny lobster trap without the express written consent of the trap owner available for immediate inspection. Unauthorized possession of another's trap gear or removal of trap contents constitutes theft.

1500 A commercial harvester who violates this subparagraph a. 1501 shall be punished under ss. 379.367 and 379.407. Any commercial 1502 harvester receiving a judicial disposition other than dismissal 1503 or acquittal on a charge of theft of or from a trap pursuant to 1504 this subparagraph or s. 379.402 shall, in addition to the 1505 penalties specified in ss. 379.367 and 379.407 and the 1506 provisions of this section, permanently lose all his or her 1507 saltwater fishing privileges, including his or her saltwater products license, spiny lobster endorsement, and all trap 1508 1509 certificates allotted to him or her through this program. In 1510 such cases, trap certificates and endorsements are 1511 nontransferable.

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1512 b. Any commercial harvester receiving a judicial disposition other than dismissal or acquittal on a charge of 1513 1514 willful molestation of a trap, in addition to the penalties 1515 specified in ss. 379.367 and 379.407, shall lose all saltwater 1516 fishing privileges for a period of 24 calendar months. 1517 In addition, any commercial harvester charged with с. 1518 violating this subparagraph and receiving a judicial disposition 1519 other than dismissal or acquittal for violating this subparagraph or s. 379.402 shall also be assessed an 1520 1521 administrative penalty of up to \$5,000. 1522 1523 Immediately upon receiving a citation for a violation involving 1524 theft of or from a trap, or molestation of a trap, and until 1525 adjudicated for such a violation or, upon receipt of a judicial 1526 disposition other than dismissal or acquittal of such a 1527 violation, the commercial harvester committing the violation is 1528 prohibited from transferring any spiny lobster trap certificates 1529 and endorsements. 1530 4. In addition to any other penalties provided in s. 1531 379.407, a commercial harvester who violates the provisions of 1532 this section or commission rules relating to spiny lobster traps 1533 shall be punished as follows: 1534 If the first violation is for violation of subparagraph a. 1535 1. or subparagraph 2., the commission shall assess an additional 1536 administrative penalty of up to \$1,000. For all other first 1537 violations, the commission shall assess an additional 1538 administrative penalty of up to \$500.

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b. For a second violation of subparagraph 1. or

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1540 subparagraph 2. which occurs within 24 months of any previous 1541 such violation, the commission shall assess an additional 1542 administrative penalty of up to \$2,000 and the spiny lobster 1543 endorsement issued under s. 379.367(2) or (6) may be suspended 1544 for the remainder of the current license year.

1545 c. For a third or subsequent violation of subparagraph 1., 1546 subparagraph 2., or subparagraph 3. which occurs within 36 1547 months of any previous two such violations, the commission shall 1548 assess an additional administrative penalty of up to \$5,000 and 1549 may suspend the spiny lobster endorsement issued under s. 1550 379.367(2) or (6) for a period of up to 24 months or may revoke 1551 the spiny lobster endorsement and, if revoking the spiny lobster 1552 endorsement, may also proceed against the licenseholder's 1553 saltwater products license in accordance with the provisions of 1554 s. 379.407(2)(h).

1555 d. Any person assessed an additional administrative 1556 penalty pursuant to this section shall within 30 calendar days 1557 after notification:

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(I) Pay the administrative penalty to the commission; or

1559 (II) Request an administrative hearing pursuant to the 1560 provisions of ss. 120.569 and 120.57.

e. The commission shall suspend the spiny lobster
endorsement issued under s. 379.367(2) or (6) for any person
failing to comply with the provisions of sub-subparagraph d.

1564 5.a. It is unlawful for any person to make, alter, forge, 1565 counterfeit, or reproduce a spiny lobster trap tag or 1566 certificate.

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b. It is unlawful for any person to knowingly have in his

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1568 or her possession a forged, counterfeit, or imitation spiny 1569 lobster trap tag or certificate.

1570 c. It is unlawful for any person to barter, trade, sell, 1571 supply, agree to supply, aid in supplying, or give away a spiny 1572 lobster trap tag or certificate or to conspire to barter, trade, 1573 sell, supply, aid in supplying, or give away a spiny lobster 1574 trap tag or certificate unless such action is duly authorized by 1575 the commission as provided in this chapter or in the rules of 1576 the commission.

1577 6.a. Any commercial harvester who violates the provisions 1578 of subparagraph 5., or any commercial harvester who engages in 1579 the commercial harvest, trapping, or possession of spiny lobster 1580 without a spiny lobster endorsement as required by s. 379.367(2) 1581 or (6) or during any period while such spiny lobster endorsement 1582 is under suspension or revocation, commits a felony of the third 1583 degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 1584 775.084.

b. In addition to any penalty imposed pursuant to subsubparagraph a., the commission shall levy a fine of up to twice the amount of the appropriate surcharge to be paid on the fair market value of the transferred certificates, as provided in subparagraph (a)1., on any commercial harvester who violates the provisions of sub-subparagraph 5.c.

1591 c. In addition to any penalty imposed pursuant to sub-1592 subparagraph a., any commercial harvester receiving any judicial 1593 disposition other than acquittal or dismissal for a violation of 1594 subparagraph 5. shall be assessed an administrative penalty of 1595 up to \$5,000, and the spiny lobster endorsement under which the

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1596 violation was committed may be suspended for up to 24 calendar 1597 months. Immediately upon issuance of a citation involving a 1598 violation of subparagraph 5. and until adjudication of such a 1599 violation, and after receipt of any judicial disposition other 1600 than acquittal or dismissal for such a violation, the commercial 1601 harvester holding the spiny lobster endorsement listed on the 1602 citation is prohibited from transferring any spiny lobster trap 1603 certificates.

1604 d. Any other person who violates the provisions of1605 subparagraph 5. commits a Level Four violation under s. 379.401.

1606 Prior to the 2010-2011 license year, any certificates 7. 1607 for which the annual certificate fee is not paid for a period of 1608 3 years shall be considered abandoned and shall revert to the 1609 commission. Beginning with the 2010-2011 license year, any 1610 certificate for which the annual certificate fee is not paid for 1611 a period of 2 consecutive years shall be considered abandoned and shall revert to the commission. During any period of trap 1612 1613 reduction, any certificates reverting to the commission shall 1614 become permanently unavailable and be considered in that amount 1615 to be reduced during the next license-year period. Otherwise, 1616 any certificates that revert to the commission are to be 1617 reallotted in such manner as provided by the commission.

1618 8. The proceeds of all administrative penalties collected 1619 pursuant to subparagraph 4. and all fines collected pursuant to 1620 sub-subparagraph 6.b. shall be deposited into the Marine 1621 Resources Conservation Trust Fund.

1622 9. All traps shall be removed from the water during any1623 period of suspension or revocation.

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1624 10. Except as otherwise provided, any person who violates
1625 this paragraph commits a Level Two violation under s. 379.401.
1626 Section 39. Paragraphs (c), (d), and (e) of subsection (2)

1627 of section 379.3751, Florida Statutes, are amended to read: 1628 379.3751 Taking and possession of alligators; trapping

1629 licenses; fees.--

1630 (2) The license and issuance fee, and the activity1631 authorized thereby, shall be as follows:

1632 (C) The annual fee for issuance of an alligator trapping 1633 agent's license, which permits a person to act as an agent of 1634 any person who has been issued a resident or nonresident 1635 alligator trapping license as provided in paragraph (a) or 1636 paragraph (b) and to take alligators occurring in the wild other 1637 than alligator hatchlings, and to possess and process alligators 1638 taken under authority of such agency relationship, and to 1639 possess, process, and sell their hides and meat, shall be \$50. Such alligator trapping agent's license shall be issued only in 1640 1641 conjunction with an alligator trapping license and shall bear on 1642 its face in indelible ink the name and license number of the alligator trapping licenseholder for whom the holder of this 1643 1644 license is acting as an agent.

(d) The annual fee for issuance of an alligator farming
license, which permits a person to operate a facility for
captive propagation of alligators, to possess alligators for
captive propagation, to take alligator hatchlings and alligator
eggs occurring in the wild, to rear such alligators, alligator
hatchlings, and alligator eggs in captivity, to process
alligators taken or possessed under authority of such alligator

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1652 farming license or otherwise legally acquired, and to possess, 1653 process, and sell their hides and meat, shall be \$250. 1654 The annual fee for issuance of an alligator farming (e) 1655 agent's license, which permits a person to act as an agent of 1656 any person who has been issued an alligator farming license as 1657 provided in paragraph (d) and to take alligator hatchlings and 1658 alligator eggs occurring in the wild, and to possess and process 1659 alligators taken under authority of such agency relationship, and to possess, process, and sell their hides and meat, shall be 1660 1661 \$50. Such license shall be issued only in conjunction with an 1662 alligator farming license, and shall bear on its face in 1663 indelible ink the name and license number of the alligator 1664 farming licenseholder for whom the holder of this license is 1665 acting as an agent. 1666 Section 40. Subsection (6) is added to section 379.3761, 1667 Florida Statutes, to read: 1668 379.3761 Exhibition or sale of wildlife; fees; 1669 classifications.--1670 (6) A person who violates this section is punishable as 1671 provided in s. 379.4015. 1672 Section 41. Subsection (5) of section 379.3762, Florida 1673 Statutes, is amended to read: 1674 379.3762 Personal possession of wildlife.--1675 A person who violates Persons in violation of this (5) 1676 section is shall be punishable as provided in s. 379.4015 379.401. 1677 1678 Section 42. Paragraph (a) of subsection (2) and paragraph 1679 (a) of subsection (4) of section 379.401, Florida Statutes, are Page 60 of 82

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1680 amended to read:

1681 379.401 Penalties and violations; civil penalties for 1682 noncriminal infractions; criminal penalties; suspension and 1683 forfeiture of licenses and permits.--

1684 (2)(a) LEVEL TWO VIOLATIONS.--A person commits a Level Two 1685 violation if he or she violates any of the following provisions:

Rules or orders of the commission relating to seasons
 or time periods for the taking of wildlife, freshwater fish, or
 saltwater fish.

1689 2. Rules or orders of the commission establishing bag, 1690 possession, or size limits or restricting methods of taking 1691 wildlife, freshwater fish, or saltwater fish.

1692 3. Rules or orders of the commission prohibiting access or
1693 otherwise relating to access to wildlife management areas or
1694 other areas managed by the commission.

1695 4. Rules or orders of the commission relating to the 1696 feeding of wildlife, freshwater fish, or saltwater fish.

1697 5. Rules or orders of the commission relating to landing 1698 requirements for freshwater fish or saltwater fish.

1699 6. Rules or orders of the commission relating to
1700 restricted hunting areas, critical wildlife areas, or bird
1701 sanctuaries.

1702 7. Rules or orders of the commission relating to tagging
1703 requirements for <u>wildlife</u> game and fur-bearing animals.

Rules or orders of the commission relating to the use
 of dogs for the taking of <u>wildlife</u> game.

1706 9. Rules or orders of the commission which are not1707 otherwise classified.

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1708	10. Rules or orders of the commission prohibiting the
1709	unlawful use of finfish traps.
1710	11. All prohibitions in this chapter which are not
1711	otherwise classified.
1712	12. Section 379.33, prohibiting the violation of or
1713	noncompliance with commission rules.
1714	13. Section 379.407(6), prohibiting the sale, purchase,
1715	harvest, or attempted harvest of any saltwater product with
1716	intent to sell.
1717	14. Section 379.2421, prohibiting the obstruction of
1718	waterways with net gear.
1719	15. Section 379.413, prohibiting the unlawful taking of
1720	bonefish.
1721	16. Section 379.365(2)(a) and (b), prohibiting the
1722	possession or use of stone crab traps without trap tags and
1723	theft of trap contents or gear.
1724	17. Section 379.366(4)(b), prohibiting the theft of blue
1725	crab trap contents or trap gear.
1726	18. Section 379.3671(2)(c), prohibiting the possession or
1727	use of spiny lobster traps without trap tags or certificates and
1728	theft of trap contents or trap gear.
1729	19. Section 379.357, prohibiting the possession of tarpon
1730	without purchasing a tarpon tag.
1731	20. <u>Rules or orders of the commission</u> Section 379.409,
1732	prohibiting the feeding or enticement of alligators or
1733	crocodiles.
1734	21. Section 379.105, prohibiting the intentional
1735	harassment of hunters, fishers, or trappers.
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1736 (4) (a) LEVEL FOUR VIOLATIONS. -- A person commits a Level Four violation if he or she violates any of the following 1737 1738 provisions: 1739 1. Section 379.365(2)(c), prohibiting criminal activities 1740 relating to the taking of stone crabs. 1741 Section 379.366(4)(c), prohibiting criminal activities 2. 1742 relating to the taking and harvesting of blue crabs. 1743 Section 379.367(4), prohibiting the willful molestation 3. 1744 of spiny lobster gear. Section 379.3671(2)(c)5., prohibiting the unlawful 1745 4. 1746 reproduction, possession, sale, trade, or barter of spiny 1747 lobster trap tags or certificates. Section 379.354(16), prohibiting the making, forging, 1748 5. 1749 counterfeiting, or reproduction of a recreational license or possession of same without authorization from the commission. 1750 1751 6. Section 379.404(5), prohibiting the sale of illegally-1752 taken deer or wild turkey. 1753 Section 379.405, prohibiting the molestation or theft 7. 1754 of freshwater fishing gear. 1755 8. Section 379.409, prohibiting the unlawful killing, 1756 injuring, possessing, or capturing of alligators or other 1757 crocodilia or their eggs. 1758 Section 43. Paragraph (a) of subsection (2) of section 1759 379.4015, Florida Statutes, is amended to read: 1760 379.4015 Captive wildlife penalties.--1761 (2)LEVEL TWO.--Unless otherwise provided by law, the 1762 following classifications and penalties apply: 1763 A person commits a Level Two violation if he or she (a) Page 63 of 82

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1764 violates any of the following provisions:

1765 1. Unless otherwise stated in subsection (1), rules or 1766 orders of the commission that require a person to pay a fee to 1767 obtain a permit to possess captive wildlife or that require the 1768 maintenance of records relating to captive wildlife.

1769 2. Rules or orders of the commission relating to captive1770 wildlife not specified in subsection (1) or subsection (3).

1771 3. Rules or orders of the commission that require housing 1772 of wildlife in a safe manner when a violation results in an 1773 escape of wildlife other than Class I wildlife.

4. Section 379.372, relating to capturing, keeping,
possessing, transporting, or exhibiting venomous reptiles or
reptiles of concern.

5. Section 379.373, relating to requiring a license or permit for the capturing, keeping, possessing, or exhibiting of venomous reptiles or reptiles of concern.

1780 6. Section 379.374, relating to bonding requirements for1781 public exhibits of venomous reptiles.

1782 7. Section 379.305, relating to commission rules and 1783 regulations to prevent the escape of venomous reptiles or 1784 reptiles of concern.

1785 8. Section 379.304, relating to exhibition or sale of 1786 wildlife.

1787 9. <u>Section 379.3761</u>, relating to exhibition or sale of 1788 wildlife.

1789 <u>10.</u> Section 379.3762, relating to personal possession of 1790 wildlife.

1791 Section 44. Section 379.501, Florida Statutes, is created Page 64 of 82

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2009 CS/CS/HB 1423, Engrossed 2 1792 to read: 379.501 Aquatic weeds and plants; prohibitions; 1793 1794 violations; penalties; intent.--(1) A person may not: 1795 1796 (a) Violate this section or any provision of s. 369.20 or 1797 s. 369.22 related to aquatic weeds and plants; 1798 (b) Fail to obtain any permit required by s. 369.20 or s. 1799 369.22 or by commission rule implementing s. 369.20 or s. 1800 369.22, or violate or fail to comply with any rule, regulation, 1801 order, permit, or certification adopted or issued by the 1802 commission pursuant to s. 369.20 or s. 369.22; or 1803 (c) Knowingly make any false statement, representation, or 1804 certification in any application, record, report, plan, or other document filed or required to be maintained under s. 369.20 or 1805 s. 369.22, or falsify, tamper with, or knowingly render 1806 1807 inaccurate any monitoring device or method required to be 1808 maintained under s. 369.20 or s. 369.22 or by any permit, rule, 1809 regulation, or order issued under s. 369.20 or s. 369.22. 1810 (2) Any person who violates any provision of subsection 1811 (1) is liable to the state for any damage caused to the aquatic 1812 weeds or plants and for civil penalties as provided in s. 1813 379.502. 1814 (3) Any person who willfully commits a violation of 1815 paragraph (1) (a) commits a felony of the third degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084. 1816 Each day during any portion of which such violation occurs 1817 1818 constitutes a separate offense. 1819 (4) Any person who commits a violation specified in Page 65 of 82

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1820	paragraph (1)(a) due to reckless indifference or gross careless
1821	disregard commits a misdemeanor of the second degree, punishable
1822	as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083.
1823	(5) Any person who willfully commits a violation specified
1824	in paragraph (1)(b) or paragraph (1)(c) commits a misdemeanor of
1825	the first degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s.
1826	775.083.
1827	(6) It is the intent of the Legislature that the civil
1828	penalties and criminal fines imposed by a court be of such an
1829	amount as to ensure immediate and continued compliance with this
1830	section.
1831	(7) Penalties assessed pursuant to ss. 379.501-379.504 are
1832	in addition to any penalties assessed by the Board of Trustees
1833	of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund, the Department of
1834	Environmental Protection, or a water management district
1835	pursuant to chapter 253, chapter 373, or chapter 403.
1836	Section 45. Section 379.502, Florida Statutes, is created
1837	to read:
1838	379.502 Enforcement; procedure; remediesThe commission
1839	has the following judicial and administrative remedies available
1840	to it for violations of s. 379.501:
1841	(1) (a) The commission may institute a civil action in a
1842	court of competent jurisdiction to establish liability and to
1843	recover damages for any injury to the waters or property of the
1844	state, including animal, plant, and aquatic life, caused by any
1845	violation of s. 379.501.
1846	(b) The commission may institute a civil action in a court
1847	of competent jurisdiction to impose and to recover a civil
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1848 penalty for each violation in an amount of not more than \$10,000 1849 per offense. However, the court may receive evidence in 1850 mitigation. Each day, during any portion of which such violation 1851 occurs, constitutes a separate offense. 1852 (c) Except as provided in paragraph (2)(c), the fact that 1853 the commission has failed to exhaust its administrative 1854 remedies, has failed to serve a notice of violation, or has 1855 failed to hold an administrative hearing before initiating a civil action is not a defense to, or grounds for dismissal of, 1856 1857 the judicial remedies for damages and civil penalties. 1858 (2) (a) The commission may institute an administrative 1859 proceeding to establish liability and to recover damages for any 1860 injury to the waters or property of the state, including animal, 1861 plant, or aquatic life, caused by any violation of s. 379.501. 1862 The commission may order that the violator pay a specified sum 1863 as damages to the state. Judgment for the amount of damages 1864 determined by the commission may be entered in any court having 1865 jurisdiction thereof and may be enforced as any other judgment. 1866 If the commission has reason to believe that a (b) 1867 violation has occurred, it may institute an administrative 1868 proceeding to order the prevention, abatement, or control of the 1869 conditions creating the violation or other appropriate 1870 corrective action. The commission shall proceed administratively 1871 in all cases in which the commission seeks administrative 1872 penalties that do not exceed \$10,000 per assessment as 1873 calculated in accordance with subsections (3), (4), (5), and 1874 (6). The commission may not impose administrative penalties in 1875 excess of \$10,000 in a notice of violation. The commission may

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1876 not have more than one notice of violation seeking 1877 administrative penalties pending against the same party at the 1878 same time unless the violations occurred at a different site or 1879 the violations were discovered by the commission subsequent to 1880 the filing of a previous notice of violation. 1881 (C) An administrative proceeding shall be instituted by 1882 the commission's serving of a written notice of violation upon 1883 the alleged violator by certified mail. If the commission is 1884 unable to effect service by certified mail, the notice of 1885 violation may be hand delivered or personally served in 1886 accordance with chapter 48. The notice shall specify the 1887 provision of the law, rule, regulation, permit, certification, 1888 or order of the commission alleged to have been violated and the 1889 facts alleged to constitute a violation thereof. An order for 1890 corrective action, penalty assessment, or damages may be 1891 included along with the notice. If the commission is seeking to 1892 impose an administrative penalty for any violation of s. 379.501 1893 by issuing a notice of violation, any corrective action needed 1894 to correct the violation or damages caused by the violation must 1895 be pursued in the notice of violation or they are waived. 1896 However, an order does not become effective until after service 1897 and an administrative hearing, if requested within 20 days after 1898 service. Failure to request an administrative hearing within this period constitutes a waiver, unless the respondent files a 1899 1900 written notice with the commission within this period opting out 1901 of the administrative process initiated by the commission. Any 1902 respondent choosing to opt out of the administrative process 1903 initiated by the commission must file a written notice with the Page 68 of 82

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1904	commission, within 20 days after service of the notice of
1905	violation, opting out of the administrative process. A
1906	respondent's decision to opt out of the administrative process
1907	does not preclude the commission from initiating a state court
1908	action seeking injunctive relief, damages, and the judicial
1909	imposition of civil penalties.
1910	(d) If a person timely files a petition challenging a
1911	notice of violation, that person will thereafter be referred to
1912	as the respondent. The hearing requested by the respondent shall
1913	be held within 180 days after the commission has referred the
1914	initial petition to the Division of Administrative Hearings
1915	unless the parties agree to a later date. The commission has the
1916	burden of proving by the preponderance of the evidence that the
1917	respondent is responsible for the violation. An administrative
1918	penalty may not be imposed unless the commission satisfies that
1919	burden. Following the close of the hearing, the administrative
1920	law judge shall issue a final order on all matters, including
1921	the imposition of an administrative penalty. If the commission
1922	seeks to enforce that portion of a final order imposing
1923	administrative penalties pursuant to s. 120.69, the respondent
1924	may not assert as a defense the inappropriateness of the
1925	administrative remedy. The commission retains its final-order
1926	authority in all administrative actions that do not request the
1927	imposition of administrative penalties.
1928	(e) After filing a petition requesting a formal hearing in
1929	response to a notice of violation, a respondent may request that
1930	a private mediator be appointed to mediate the dispute by
1931	contacting the Florida Conflict Resolution Consortium within 10

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1932	days after receipt of the initial order from the administrative
1933	law judge. The Florida Conflict Resolution Consortium shall pay
1934	all of the costs of the mediator and for up to 8 hours of the
1935	mediator's time per case at \$150 per hour. Upon notice from the
1936	respondent, the Florida Conflict Resolution Consortium shall
1937	provide the respondent with a panel of possible mediators from
1938	the area in which the hearing on the petition would be heard.
1939	The respondent shall select the mediator and notify the Florida
1940	Conflict Resolution Consortium of the selection within 15 days
1941	after receipt of the proposed panel of mediators. The Florida
1942	Conflict Resolution Consortium shall provide all of the
1943	administrative support for the mediation process. The mediation
1944	must be completed at least 15 days before the final hearing date
1945	set by the administrative law judge.
1946	(f) In any administrative proceeding brought by the
1947	commission, the prevailing party shall recover all costs as
1948	provided in ss. 57.041 and 57.071. The costs must be included in
1948 1949	provided in ss. 57.041 and 57.071. The costs must be included in the final order. The respondent is the prevailing party when an
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1949 1950 1951 1952 1953 1954 1955 1956 1957	the final order. The respondent is the prevailing party when an order is entered awarding no penalties to the commission and the order has not been reversed on appeal or the time for seeking judicial review has expired. The respondent is entitled to an award of attorney's fees if the administrative law judge determines that the notice of violation issued by the commission was not substantially justified as defined in s. 57.111(3)(e). An award of attorney's fees as provided by this subsection may not exceed \$15,000.

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1960 does not limit the commission's authority set forth in this 1961 section and ss. 379.503 and 379.504 to judicially pursue 1962 injunctive relief. If the commission exercises its authority to 1963 judicially pursue injunctive relief, penalties in any amount up 1964 to the statutory maximum sought by the commission must be 1965 pursued as part of the state court action and not by initiating 1966 a separate administrative proceeding. The commission retains the 1967 authority to judicially pursue penalties in excess of \$10,000 1968 for violations not specifically included in the administrative 1969 penalty schedule, or for multiple or multiday violations alleged 1970 to exceed a total of \$10,000. The commission also retains the 1971 authority provided in this section and ss. 379.503 and 379.504 1972 to judicially pursue injunctive relief and damages, if a notice 1973 of violation seeking the imposition of administrative penalties 1974 has not been issued. The commission may enter into a settlement 1975 before or after initiating a notice of violation, and the 1976 settlement may include a penalty amount that is different from 1977 the administrative penalty schedule. Any case filed in state 1978 court because it is alleged to exceed a total of \$10,000 in 1979 penalties may be settled in the court action for less than 1980 \$10,000. 1981 The provisions of chapter 120 shall apply to any (h) 1982 administrative action taken by the commission under this section 1983 or any delegated program pursuing administrative penalties in 1984 accordance with this section. (3) Administrative penalties must be calculated according 1985 1986 to the following schedule: 1987 (a) For violations of s. 379.501(1)(a) or (b), \$3,000. Page 71 of 82

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1988	(b) For failure to conduct required monitoring or testing
1989	in compliance with a permit, \$2,000.
1990	(c) For failure to prepare, submit, maintain, or use
1991	required reports or other required documentation, \$500.
1992	(d) For failure to comply with any other regulatory
1993	statute or rule requirement relating to the administration of
1994	the commission's powers under s. 369.20 or s. 369.22 not
1995	otherwise identified in this section, \$500.
1996	(4) For each additional day during which a violation
1997	occurs, the administrative penalties in subsection (3) may be
1998	assessed per day, per violation.
1999	(5) The history of noncompliance of the violator for any
2000	previous violation resulting in an executed consent order, but
2001	not including a consent order entered into without a finding of
2002	violation, or resulting in a final order or judgment on or after
2003	July 1, 2009, involving the imposition of \$2,000 or more in
2004	penalties, shall be taken into consideration in the following
2005	manner:
2006	(a) One previous such violation within 5 years prior to
2007	the filing of the notice of violation shall result in a 25-
2008	percent per day increase in the scheduled administrative
2009	penalty.
2010	(b) Two previous such violations within 5 years prior to
2011	the filing of the notice of violation shall result in a 50-
2012	percent per day increase in the scheduled administrative
2013	penalty.
2014	(c) Three or more previous such violations within 5 years
2015	before the filing of the notice of violation shall result in a
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2016 100-percent per day increase in the scheduled administrative 2017 penalty. 2018 The direct economic benefit gained by the violator (6) 2019 from the violation shall be added to the scheduled 2020 administrative penalty. The total administrative penalty, 2021 including any economic benefit added to the scheduled 2022 administrative penalty, may not exceed \$10,000. 2023 The administrative penalties assessed for any (7) 2024 particular violation may not exceed \$3,000 against any one 2025 violator unless the violator has a history of noncompliance, the 2026 economic benefit of the violation as described in subsection (6) 2027 exceeds \$3,000, or there are multiday violations. The total 2028 administrative penalties may not exceed \$10,000 per assessment 2029 for all violations attributable to a specific person in the 2030 notice of violation. 2031 (8) The administrative law judge may receive evidence in 2032 mitigation. The penalties identified in subsection (3) may be 2033 reduced up to 50 percent by the administrative law judge for 2034 mitigating circumstances, including good faith efforts to comply 2035 prior to or after discovery of the violations by the commission. 2036 Upon an affirmative finding that the violation was caused by 2037 circumstances beyond the reasonable control of the respondent 2038 and could not have been prevented by the respondent's due 2039 diligence, the administrative law judge may further reduce the 2040 penalty. 2041 (9) Penalties collected under this section shall be 2042 deposited into the Invasive Plant Control Trust Fund to carry 2043 out the purposes set forth in ss. 369.20, 369.22, and 369.252.

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2044	The Florida Conflict Resolution Consortium may use a portion of
2045	the fund to administer the mediation process provided in
2046	paragraph (2)(e) and to contract with private mediators for
2047	administrative penalty cases related to s. 369.20 or s. 369.22.
2048	(10) The purpose of the administrative penalty schedule
2049	and process is to provide a more predictable and efficient
2050	manner for individuals and businesses to resolve relatively
2051	minor environmental disputes. Subsections (3) through (7) do not
2052	limit a state court in the assessment of damages. The
2053	administrative penalty schedule does not apply to the judicial
2054	imposition of civil penalties in state court as provided in this
2055	section.
2056	Section 46. Section 379.503, Florida Statutes, is created
2057	to read:
2058	379.503 Civil action
2059	(1) The commission may institute a civil action in a court
2060	of competent jurisdiction to seek injunctive relief to enforce
2061	compliance with ss. 379.501, 379.502, and 379.504 or any rule,
2062	regulation, permit, certification, or order adopted or issued by
2063	the commission pursuant to s. 369.20 or s. 369.22; to enjoin any
2064	violation specified in s. 379.501(1); and to seek injunctive
2065	relief to prevent irreparable injury to the waters and property,
2066	including animal, plant, and aquatic life, of the state and to
2067	protect human health, safety, and welfare caused or threatened
2068	by any violation of s. 379.501.
2069	(2) All the judicial and administrative remedies to
2070	recover damages and penalties in this section and s. 379.502 are
2071	alternative and mutually exclusive.
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2072 Section 47. Section 379.504, Florida Statutes, is created 2073 to read:

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379.504 Civil liability; joint and several liability.--(1) A person who commits a violation specified in s. 379.501(1) is liable to the state for any damage caused to the waters or property of the state, including animal, plant, or aquatic life, and for reasonable costs and expenses of the state in restoring its waters and property, including animal, plant, and aquatic life, to their former condition, and furthermore is subject to the judicial imposition of a civil penalty for each offense in an amount of not more than \$10,000 per offense. However, the court may receive evidence in mitigation. Each day during any portion of which such violation occurs constitutes a separate offense. This section does not give the commission the

2087 (2) If two or more persons violate s. 379.501(1) so that 2088 the damage is indivisible, each violator shall be jointly and 2089 severally liable for the damage and for the reasonable cost and 2090 expenses of the state incurred in restoring the waters and 2091 property of the state, including the animal, plant, and aquatic 2092 life, to their former condition. However, if the damage is 2093 divisible and may be attributed to a particular violator or 2094 violators, each violator is liable only for that damage 2095 attributable to his or her violation. 2096 In assessing damages for fish killed, the value of the (3) 2097 fish shall be determined in accordance with a table of values

right to bring an action on behalf of any private person.

2099 Department of Environmental Protection pursuant to s.

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for individual categories of fish, which shall be adopted by the

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#### 2100 403.141(3). The total number of fish killed may be estimated by 2101 standard practices used in estimating fish population. 2102 Section 48. Subsection (1) of section 403.088, Florida 2103 Statutes, is amended to read: 2104 403.088 Water pollution operation permits; conditions .--2105 No person, without written authorization of the (1)2106 department, shall discharge into waters within the state any 2107 waste which, by itself or in combination with the wastes of other sources, reduces the quality of the receiving waters below 2108 2109 the classification established for them. However, this section 2110 shall not be deemed to prohibit the application of pesticides to 2111 waters in the state for the control of insects, aquatic weeds, 2112 or algae, provided the application is performed pursuant to a 2113 program approved by the Department of Health, in the case of 2114 insect control, or the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission 2115 department, in the case of aquatic weed or algae control. The 2116 department is directed to enter into interagency agreements to 2117 establish the procedures for program approval. Such agreements 2118 shall provide for public health, welfare, and safety, as well as 2119 environmental factors. Approved programs must provide that only 2120 chemicals approved for the particular use by the United States 2121 Environmental Protection Agency or by the Department of 2122 Agriculture and Consumer Services may be employed and that they 2123 be applied in accordance with registered label instructions, 2124 state standards for such application, and the provisions of the

2126Section 49.The Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission,2127in consultation with the Department of Environmental Protection,

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	CS/CS/HB 1423, Engrossed 2 2009
2128	is directed to establish a pilot program to explore potential
2129	options for regulating the anchoring or mooring of non-live-
2130	aboard vessels outside the marked boundaries of public mooring
2131	fields.
2132	(1) The goals of the pilot program are to encourage the
2133	establishment of additional public mooring fields and to develop
2134	and test policies and regulatory regimes that:
2135	(a) Promote the establishment and use of public mooring
2136	fields.
2137	(b) Promote public access to the waters of this state.
2138	(c) Enhance navigational safety.
2139	(d) Protect maritime infrastructure.
2140	(e) Protect the marine environment.
2141	(f) Deter improperly stored, abandoned, or derelict
2142	vessels.
2143	(2) Each location selected for inclusion in the pilot
2144	program must be associated with a properly permitted mooring
2145	field. The commission, in consultation with the department,
2146	shall select all locations for the pilot program prior to July
2147	1, 2011. Two locations shall be off the east coast of the state,
2148	two locations shall be off the west coast of the state, and one
2149	location shall be within Monroe County. The locations selected
2150	must be geographically diverse and take into consideration the
2151	various users and means of using the waters of this state.
2152	(3) Notwithstanding the provisions of s. 327.60, Florida
2153	Statutes, a county or municipality selected for participation in
2154	the pilot program may regulate by ordinance the anchoring of
2155	vessels, other than live-aboard vessels as defined in s. 327.02,
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#### CS/CS/HB 1423, Engrossed 2 2009 2156 Florida Statutes, outside of a mooring field. Any ordinance 2157 enacted under the pilot program shall take effect and become 2158 enforceable only after approval by the commission. The 2159 commission shall not approve any ordinance not consistent with 2160 the goals of the pilot program. 2161 The commission shall: (4) 2162 (a) Provide consultation and technical assistance to each 2163 municipality or county selected for participation in the pilot 2164 program to facilitate accomplishment of the pilot program's 2165 qoals. (b) 2166 Coordinate the review of any proposed ordinance with 2167 the department; the United States Coast Guard; the Florida 2168 Inland Navigation District or the West Coast Inland Navigation 2169 District, as appropriate; and associations or other 2170 organizations representing vessel owners or operators. 2171 (c) Monitor and evaluate at least annually each location 2172 selected for participation in the pilot program and make such 2173 modifications as may be necessary to accomplish the pilot 2174 program's goals. 2175 The commission shall submit a report of its findings (5) 2176 and recommendations to the Governor, the President of the 2177 Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives by 2178 January 1, 2014. 2179 (6) The pilot program shall expire on July 1, 2014, unless 2180 reenacted by the Legislature. All ordinances enacted under this 2181 section shall expire concurrently with the expiration of the 2182 pilot program and shall be inoperative and unenforceable 2183 thereafter.

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2184	(7) Nothing in this section shall be construed to affect
2185	any mooring field authorized pursuant to s. 253.77, s. 327.40,
2186	or part IV of chapter 373, Florida Statutes, as applicable, or
2187	any lawful ordinance regulating the anchoring of any vessels
2188	within the marked boundaries of such mooring fields.
2189	Section 50. The statutory powers, duties, and functions
2190	related to ss. 369.20, 369.22, and 369.252, Florida Statutes,
2191	which were transferred by chapter 2008-150, Laws of Florida, and
2192	all records, personnel, and property; unexpended balances of
2193	appropriations, allocations, and other funds; administrative
2194	authority; administrative rules; pending issues; and existing
2195	contracts of the Bureau of Invasive Plant Management in the
2196	Department of Environmental Protection are transferred by a type
2197	two transfer, pursuant to s. 20.06(2), Florida Statutes, to the
2198	Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission. All actions taken
2199	pursuant to chapter 2008-150, Laws of Florida, and the
2200	Interagency Agreement executed pursuant thereto are ratified.
2201	Section 51. The Invasive Plant Control Trust Fund, FLAIR
2202	number 37-2-030, in the Department of Environmental Protection
2203	is transferred to the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission,
2204	FLAIR number 77-2-030.
2205	Section 52. Beginning in the 2009-2010 fiscal year and
2206	continuing each fiscal year thereafter, the sum of \$185,000 is
2207	appropriated from the State Game Trust Fund to the Fish and
2208	Wildlife Conservation Commission for the costs associated with
2209	the shoreline fishing license exemption pursuant to s.
2210	379.354(4)(k), Florida Statutes.
2211	Section 53. For the purpose of incorporating the amendment
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2212 made by this act to section 319.32, Florida Statutes, in a 2213 reference thereto, paragraph (a) of subsection (2) of section 2214 379.209, Florida Statutes, is reenacted to read:

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379.209 Nongame Wildlife Trust Fund.--

(2) (a) There is established within the Fish and Wildlife
(2) (a) There is established within the Fish and Wildlife
Conservation Commission the Nongame Wildlife Trust Fund. The
fund shall be credited with moneys collected pursuant to ss.
319.32(3) and 320.02(8). Additional funds may be provided from
legislative appropriations and by donations from interested
individuals and organizations. The commission shall designate an
identifiable unit to administer the trust fund.

2223 Section 54. For the purpose of incorporating the amendment 2224 made by this act to section 379.353, Florida Statutes, in a 2225 reference thereto, subsection (7) of section 379.3581, Florida 2226 Statutes, is reenacted to read:

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379.3581 Hunter safety course; requirements; penalty.--

(7) The hunter safety requirements of this section do not apply to persons for whom licenses are not required under s. 379.353(2).

2231 Section 55. For the purpose of incorporating the amendment 2232 made by this act to section 379.354, Florida Statutes, in a 2233 reference thereto, section 379.2213, Florida Statutes, is 2234 reenacted to read:

2235 379.2213 Management area permit revenues.--The commission 2236 shall expend the revenue generated from the sale of the 2237 management area permit as provided for in s. 379.354(8)(g) or 2238 that pro rata portion of any license that includes management 2239 area privileges as provided for in s. 379.354(4)(h), (i), and

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(j) for the lease, management, and protection of lands for public hunting, fishing, and other outdoor recreation.

2242 Section 56. For the purpose of incorporating the amendment 2243 made by this act to section 379.354, Florida Statutes, in a 2244 reference thereto, section 379.3501, Florida Statutes, is 2245 reenacted to read:

2246 379.3501 Expiration of licenses and permits. -- Each license 2247 or permit issued under this part must be dated when issued. Each 2248 license or permit issued under this part remains valid for 12 2249 months after the date of issuance, except for a lifetime license 2250 issued pursuant to s. 379.354 which is valid from the date of 2251 issuance until the death of the individual to whom the license 2252 is issued unless otherwise revoked in accordance with s. 379.401 2253 or s. 379.404, or a 5-year license issued pursuant to s. 379.354 2254 which is valid for 5 consecutive years from the date of purchase 2255 unless otherwise revoked in accordance with s. 379.401 or s. 2256 379.404, or a license issued pursuant to s. 379.354(5)(a), (b), 2257 (c), (d), or (g) or (8)(f), (g)2., or (h)1., which is valid for 2258 the period specified on the license. A resident lifetime license 2259 or a resident 5-year license that has been purchased by a 2260 resident of this state and who subsequently resides in another 2261 state shall be honored for activities authorized by that 2262 license.

2263 Section 57. For the purpose of incorporating the amendment 2264 made by this act to section 379.354, Florida Statutes, in a 2265 reference thereto, subsection (2) of section 379.3712, Florida 2266 Statutes, is reenacted to read:

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379.3712 Private hunting preserve license fees;

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2268 exception.--

2269 (2) A commercial hunting preserve license, which shall 2270 exempt patrons of licensed preserves from the license and permit 2271 requirements of s. 379.354(4)(c), (d), (f), (h), (i) and (j); 2272 (5) (g) and (h); (8) (a), (b), and (e); (9) (a)2.; (11); and (12) 2273 while hunting on the licensed preserve property, shall be \$500. 2274 Such commercial hunting preserve license shall be available only 2275 to those private hunting preserves licensed pursuant to this 2276 section which are operated exclusively for commercial purposes, 2277 which are open to the public, and for which a uniform fee is 2278 charged to patrons for hunting privileges.

2279 Section 58. <u>Effective October 1, 2009, section 327.22,</u> 2280 <u>Florida Statutes, is repealed.</u>

2281Section 59.Effective July 1, 2010, sections 379.2211 and2282379.2212, Florida Statutes, are repealed.

2283 Section 60. <u>Subsection (7) of section 379.366</u>, Florida 2284 <u>Statutes, is repealed.</u>

2285 Section 61. Except as otherwise expressly provided in this 2286 act, this act shall take effect July 1, 2009.

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