

HB 1407

2012

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to scuba diver fishing licenses;
3 amending s. 379.354, F.S.; provides that an individual
4 diver is not required to hold a fishing license while
5 on a vessel for hire if the vessel operator maintains
6 the appropriate license and permits; providing an
7 effective date.
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9 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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11 Section 1. Paragraph (f) is added to subsection (7) of
12 section 379.354, Florida Statutes, to read:

13 379.354 Recreational licenses, permits, and authorization
14 numbers; fees established.—

15 (7) VESSEL LICENSES.—

16 (f) If the operator of a vessel that carries scuba divers
17 for a fee, either directly or indirectly, maintains the
18 appropriate vessel license under this subsection based upon the
19 number of persons the vessel is licensed to carry and any
20 applicable permits, the individual scuba divers engaged in
21 taking or attempting to take saltwater products are not required
22 to obtain individual fishing licenses and permits. However, if
23 such vessel operator does not have the appropriate license, the
24 scuba divers engaged in taking or attempting to take saltwater
25 products must have individual fishing licenses and any
26 applicable permits.

27 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2012.