

COMMITTEE/SUBCOMMITTEE AMENDMENT

Bill No. HB 7025 (2012)

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COMMITTEE/SUBCOMMITTEE ACTION

ADOPTED	—	(Y/N)
ADOPTED AS AMENDED	—	(Y/N)
ADOPTED W/O OBJECTION	—	(Y/N)
FAILED TO ADOPT	—	(Y/N)
WITHDRAWN	—	(Y/N)
OTHER	—	

1 Committee/Subcommittee hearing bill: State Affairs Committee  
2 Representative Holder offered the following:

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4 **Amendment (with title amendment)**

5 Between lines 147 and 148, insert:

6 Section 4. Paragraph (a) is amended and paragraph (f) is  
7 added to subsection (7) of section 379.354, Florida Statutes, to  
8 read:

9 379.354 Recreational licenses, permits, and authorization  
10 numbers; fees established.—

11 (7) VESSEL LICENSES.—

12 (a) Except as provided in paragraph (f), ~~N~~ no person may  
13 operate any vessel wherein a fee is paid, either directly or  
14 indirectly, for the purpose of taking, attempting to take, or  
15 possessing any saltwater fish for noncommercial purposes unless  
16 she or he has obtained a license for each vessel for that  
17 purpose, and has paid the license fee pursuant to paragraphs (b)  
18 and (c) for such vessel.

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19 (b) A license for any person who operates any vessel  
20 licensed to carry more than 10 customers, wherein a fee is paid,  
21 either directly or indirectly, for the purpose of taking or  
22 attempting to take saltwater fish, is \$800 per year. The  
23 license must be kept aboard the vessel at all times.

24 (c)1. A license for any person who operates any vessel  
25 licensed to carry no more than 10 customers, or for any person  
26 licensed to operate any vessel carrying 6 or fewer customers,  
27 wherein a fee is paid, either directly or indirectly, for the  
28 purpose of taking or attempting to take saltwater fish, is \$400  
29 per year.

30 2. A license for any person licensed to operate any vessel  
31 carrying 6 or fewer customers but who operates a vessel carrying  
32 4 or fewer customers, wherein a fee is paid, either directly or  
33 indirectly, for the purpose of taking or attempting to take  
34 saltwater fish, is \$200 per year. The license must be kept  
35 aboard the vessel at all times.

36 3. A person who operates a vessel required to be licensed  
37 pursuant to paragraph (b) or this paragraph may obtain a license  
38 in her or his own name, and such license shall be transferable  
39 and apply to any vessel operated by the purchaser, provided that  
40 the purchaser has paid the appropriate license fee.

41 (d) A license for a recreational vessel not for hire and for  
42 which no fee is paid, either directly or indirectly, by guests  
43 for the purpose of taking or attempting to take saltwater fish  
44 noncommercially is \$2,000 per year. The license may be  
45 purchased at the option of the vessel owner and must be kept  
46 aboard the vessel at all times. A log of species taken and the

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47 date the species were taken shall be maintained and a copy of  
 48 the log filed with the commission at the time of renewal of the  
 49 license.

50 (e) The owner, operator, or custodian of a vessel the  
 51 operator of which has been licensed pursuant to paragraph (a)  
 52 must maintain and report such statistical data as required by,  
 53 and in a manner set forth in, the rules of the commission.

54 (f) If the operator of a vessel that carries scuba divers  
 55 for a fee, either directly or indirectly, maintains the  
 56 appropriate vessel license under this subsection based upon the  
 57 number of persons the vessel is licensed to carry and any  
 58 applicable permits, the individual scuba divers engaged in  
 59 taking or attempting to take saltwater products are not required  
 60 to obtain individual fishing licenses and permits. However, if  
 61 such vessel operator does not have the appropriate license, the  
 62 scuba divers engaged in taking or attempting to take saltwater  
 63 products must have individual fishing licenses and any  
 64 applicable permits.

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 67 **T I T L E A M E N D M E N T**

68 Remove line 14 and insert:

69 s. 379.354, F.S.; provides that an individual diver is not  
 70 required to hold a fishing license while on a vessel for hire if  
 71 the vessel operator maintains the appropriate license and  
 72 permits; amending s. 379.3581, F.S.; removing a limitation for  
 73 the  
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