

By the Committee on Environmental Preservation and Conservation

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to fish and wildlife conservation;
3 repealing s. 379.2342(2), F.S., relating to the
4 publication of the Florida Wildlife Magazine and the
5 Florida Wildlife Magazine Advisory Council; amending
6 s. 379.366, F.S.; reducing the fee for soft-shell blue
7 crab endorsements; providing effective dates.
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9 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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11 Section 1. Subsection (2) of section 379.2342, Florida
12 Statutes, is repealed.

13 Section 2. Effective upon the commencement of the 2012-2013
14 blue crab license year, paragraph (a) of subsection (3) of
15 section 379.366, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

16 379.366 Blue crab; regulation.—

17 (3) (a) *Endorsement fees.*—

18 1. The fee for a hard-shell blue crab endorsement for the
19 taking of hard-shell blue crabs, as authorized by rule of the
20 commission, is \$125, \$25 of which must be used solely for the
21 trap retrieval program authorized under s. 379.2424 and in
22 commission rules.

23 2. The fee for a soft-shell blue crab endorsement for the
24 taking of soft-shell blue crabs, as authorized by rule of the
25 commission, is \$125 ~~\$250~~, \$25 of which must be used solely for
26 the trap retrieval program authorized under s. 379.2424 and in
27 commission rules.

28 3. The fee for a nontransferable hard-shell blue crab
29 endorsement for the taking of hard-shell blue crabs, as

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30 authorized by rule of the commission, is \$125, \$25 of which must
31 be used solely for the trap retrieval program authorized under
32 s. 379.2424 and in commission rules.

33 4. The fee for an incidental take blue crab endorsement for
34 the taking of blue crabs as bycatch in shrimp trawls and stone
35 crab traps is \$25, as authorized in commission rules.

36 Section 3. Except as otherwise expressly provided in this
37 act, this act shall take effect July 1, 2012.