

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to the Fish and Wildlife Conservation
 3 Commission; amending ss. 328.72 and 379.354, F.S.,
 4 relating to vessel registration fees and hunting and
 5 fishing license fees; revising provisions for
 6 calculating periodic increases in such fees; defining
 7 the term "Consumer Price Index" for purposes of the
 8 calculation; directing the Division of Law Revision
 9 and Information to update specified provisions to
 10 reflect the revised fees; providing an effective date.

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 12 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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 14 Section 1. Subsection (1) of section 328.72, Florida
 15 Statutes, is amended to read:

16 328.72 Classification; registration; fees and charges;
 17 surcharge; disposition of fees; fines; marine turtle stickers.-

18 (1) VESSEL REGISTRATION FEE.-

19 (a) Vessels that are required to be registered shall be
 20 classified for registration purposes according to the following
 21 schedule, and the registration certificate fee shall be in the
 22 following amounts:

23 Class A-1-Less than 12 feet in length, and all canoes to
 24 which propulsion motors have been attached, regardless of
 25 length: \$5.50 for each 12-month period registered.

26 Class A-2-12 feet or more and less than 16 feet in length:
 27 \$16.25 for each 12-month period registered.

28 (To county): 2.85 for each 12-month period registered.

29 | Class 1–16 feet or more and less than 26 feet in length:
30 | \$28.75 for each 12-month period registered.

31 | (To county): 8.85 for each 12-month period registered.

32 | Class 2–26 feet or more and less than 40 feet in length:
33 | \$78.25 for each 12-month period registered.

34 | (To county): 32.85 for each 12-month period registered.

35 | Class 3–40 feet or more and less than 65 feet in length:
36 | \$127.75 for each 12-month period registered.

37 | (To county): 56.85 for each 12-month period registered.

38 | Class 4–65 feet or more and less than 110 feet in length:
39 | \$152.75 for each 12-month period registered.

40 | (To county): 68.85 for each 12-month period registered.

41 | Class 5–110 feet or more in length: \$189.75 for each 12-
42 | month period registered.

43 | (To county): 86.85 for each 12-month period registered.

44 | Dealer registration certificate: \$25.50 for each 12-month
45 | period registered.

46 | The county portion of the vessel registration fee is derived
47 | from recreational vessels only.

48 | (b) In 2015 ~~2013~~ and every 5 years thereafter, vessel
49 | registration fees shall be adjusted ~~by the percentage change in~~
50 | ~~the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers since the fees~~
51 | ~~were last adjusted~~, unless otherwise provided by general law.

52 | The vessel registration fees shall be adjusted by being
53 | multiplied by a growth factor calculated as the annual average
54 | Consumer Price Index for the calendar year preceding the
55 | adjustment year divided by the annual average Consumer Price
56 | Index for the calendar year 6 years before the adjustment year.

57 | For purposes of the calculation, the term "Consumer Price Index"
 58 | means the not seasonally adjusted Consumer Price Index for All
 59 | Urban Consumers, U.S. city average, all items, as initially
 60 | reported by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of
 61 | Labor Statistics. The Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission
 62 | shall round the fee adjustments to the nearest 50 cents and
 63 | submit the revised fee schedule to the Division of Law Revision
 64 | and Information within the Office of Legislative Services. The
 65 | Division of Law Revision and Information shall update paragraph
 66 | (a) according to the revised fee schedule. These adjustments
 67 | apply to the total fee and the not the county portion. By
 68 | February 1 of each year in which an adjustment is scheduled to
 69 | occur, the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission shall
 70 | submit a report to the President of the Senate and the Speaker
 71 | of the House of Representatives detailing how the increase in
 72 | vessel registration fees will be requested for use ~~used~~ within
 73 | the agency. The vessel registration fee increases shall take
 74 | effect July 1 of each adjustment year.

75 | Section 2. Paragraph (b) of subsection (1) of section
 76 | 379.354, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

77 | 379.354 Recreational licenses, permits, and authorization
 78 | numbers; fees established.—

79 | (1) LICENSE, PERMIT, OR AUTHORIZATION NUMBER REQUIRED.—

80 | (b) In 2015 ~~2013~~ and every 5 years thereafter, license and
 81 | permit fees established in subsections (4) and (5) shall be
 82 | adjusted ~~by the percentage change in the Consumer Price Index~~
 83 | ~~for All Urban Consumers since the fees were last adjusted,~~
 84 | unless otherwise provided by general law. The license and permit

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86 calculated as the annual average Consumer Price Index for the
87 calendar year preceding the adjustment year divided by the
88 annual average Consumer Price Index for the calendar year 6
89 years before the adjustment year. For purposes of the
90 calculation the term "Consumer Price Index" means the not
91 seasonally adjusted Consumer Price Index for All Urban
92 Consumers, U.S. city average, all items, as initially reported
93 by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor
94 Statistics. The Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission shall
95 round the fee adjustments to the nearest 50 cents and submit the
96 revised fee schedule to the Division of Law Revision and
97 Information within the Office of Legislative Services. The
98 Division of Law Revision and Information shall update
99 subsections (4) and (5) according to the revised fee schedule.
100 By February 1 of each year in which an adjustment is scheduled
101 to occur, the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission shall
102 submit a report to the President of the Senate and the Speaker
103 of the House of Representatives detailing how the increase in
104 license and permit fees will be requested for use ~~used~~ within
105 the agency. The license and permit fee increases shall take
106 effect July 1 of each adjustment year.

107 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2013.