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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 deleting provisions for periodic adjustments of
5 certain fees based on changes in the Consumer Price
6 Index; providing an effective date.

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

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

12 328.72 Classification; registration; fees and charges;
13 surcharge; disposition of fees; fines; marine turtle stickers.—

14 (1) VESSEL REGISTRATION FEE.—

15 ~~(a)~~ Vessels that are required to be registered shall be
16 classified for registration purposes according to the following
17 schedule, and the registration certificate fee shall be in the
18 following amounts:

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

22 Class A-2—12 feet or more and less than 16 feet in length:
23 \$16.25 for each 12-month period registered.

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

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

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

28 Class 2—26 feet or more and less than 40 feet in length:

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29 \$78.25 for each 12-month period registered.
30 (To county): 32.85 for each 12-month period registered.
31 Class 3–40 feet or more and less than 65 feet in length:
32 \$127.75 for each 12-month period registered.
33 (To county): 56.85 for each 12-month period registered.
34 Class 4–65 feet or more and less than 110 feet in length:
35 \$152.75 for each 12-month period registered.
36 (To county): 68.85 for each 12-month period registered.
37 Class 5–110 feet or more in length: \$189.75 for each 12-
38 month period registered.
39 (To county): 86.85 for each 12-month period registered.
40 Dealer registration certificate: \$25.50 for each 12-month
41 period registered.
42 The county portion of the vessel registration fee is derived
43 from recreational vessels only.
44 (b) ~~In 2013 and every 5 years thereafter, vessel~~
45 ~~registration fees shall be adjusted by the percentage change in~~
46 ~~the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers since the fees~~
47 ~~were last adjusted, unless otherwise provided by general law. By~~
48 ~~February 1 of each year in which an adjustment is scheduled to~~
49 ~~occur, the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission shall~~
50 ~~submit a report to the President of the Senate and the Speaker~~
51 ~~of the House of Representatives detailing how the increase in~~
52 ~~vessel registration fees will be used within the agency. The~~
53 ~~vessel registration fee increases shall take effect July 1 of~~
54 ~~each adjustment year.~~

55 Section 2. Subsection (1) of section 379.354, Florida
56 Statutes, is amended to read:

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57 379.354 Recreational licenses, permits, and authorization
58 numbers; fees established.—

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

60 (a) Except as provided in s. 379.353, no person shall take
61 game, freshwater or saltwater fish, or fur-bearing animals
62 within this state without having first obtained a license,
63 permit, or authorization number and paid the fees set forth in
64 this chapter. Such license, permit, or authorization number
65 shall authorize the person to whom it is issued to take game,
66 freshwater or saltwater fish, or fur-bearing animals, and
67 participate in outdoor recreational activities in accordance
68 with the laws of the state and rules of the commission.

69 (b) ~~In 2013 and every 5 years thereafter, license and
70 permit fees established in subsections (4) and (5) shall be
71 adjusted by the percentage change in the Consumer Price Index
72 for All Urban Consumers since the fees were last adjusted,
73 unless otherwise provided by general law. By February 1 of each
74 year in which an adjustment is scheduled to occur, the Fish and
75 Wildlife Conservation Commission shall submit a report to the
76 President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of
77 Representatives detailing how the increase in license and permit
78 fees will be used within the agency. The license and permit fee
79 increases shall take effect July 1 of each adjustment year.~~

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