CHAMBER ACTION

<u>Senate</u> <u>House</u>

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Representative Raschein offered the following:

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Amendment (with title amendment)

Between lines 251 and 252, insert:

Section 5. Subsection (15) of section 328.72, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

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

(15) DISTRIBUTION OF FEES.—Except <u>as provided in this</u>

<u>subsection</u> for the first \$2, \$1 of which shall be remitted to

the state for deposit into the Save the Manatee Trust Fund

created within the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission and

\$1 of which shall be remitted to the state for deposit into the

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Marine Resources Conservation Trust Fund to fund a grant program
for public launching facilities pursuant to s. 206.606, giving
priority consideration to counties with more than 35,000
registered vessels, moneys designated for the use of the
counties, as specified in subsection (1), shall be distributed
by the tax collector to the board of county commissioners for
use only as provided in this section. Such moneys to be returned
to the counties are for the sole purposes of providing,
maintaining, or operating recreational channel marking and other
uniform waterway markers, public boat ramps, lifts, and hoists,
marine railways, boat piers, docks, mooring buoys, and other
public launching facilities; and removing derelict vessels,
debris that specifically impede boat access, not including the
dredging of channels, and vessels and floating structures deemed
a hazard to public safety and health for failure to comply with
s. 327.53. Counties shall demonstrate through an annual detailed
accounting report of vessel registration revenues that the
registration fees were spent as provided in this subsection.
This report shall be provided to the Fish and Wildlife
Conservation Commission no later than November 1 of each year.
If, before January 1 of each calendar year, the accounting
report meeting the prescribed criteria has still not been
provided to the commission, the tax collector of that county may
not distribute the moneys designated for the use of counties, as
specified in subsection (1), to the board of county
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commissioners but shall, for the next calendar year, remit such moneys to the state for deposit into the Marine Resources
Conservation Trust Fund. The commission shall return those moneys to the county if the county fully complies with this section within that calendar year. If the county does not fully comply with this section within that calendar year, the moneys shall remain within the Marine Resources Trust Fund and may be appropriated for the purposes specified in this subsection.

- (a) From the vessel registration fees designated for use by the counties in subsection (1), \$1 shall be remitted to the state for deposit into the Save the Manatee Trust Fund.
- (b) From the vessel registration fees designated for use by the counties in subsection (1), \$1 shall be remitted to the state for deposit into the Marine Resources Conservation Trust Fund to fund a grant program for public launching facilities pursuant to s. 206.606, giving priority consideration to counties with more than 35,000 registered vessels.
- (c) From the vessel registration fees designated for use by the counties in subsection (1), the following amounts shall be remitted to the state for deposit into the Marine Resources Conservation Trust Fund to fund derelict vessel removal grants, as appropriated by the Legislature pursuant to s. 376.15:
 - 1. Class A-2: \$0.25 for each 12-month period registered.
 - 2. Class 1: \$2.06 for each 12-month period registered.
 - 3. Class 2: \$9.26 for each 12-month period registered.

| 4. Class 3: \$16.45 for each 12-month period re | registered. |
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- 5. Class 4: \$20.06 for each 12-month period registered.
- 6. Class 5: \$25.46 for each 12-month period registered.
- (d) Any undisbursed balances identified pursuant to s.

 216.301 shall be available for reappropriation to fund the

 Florida Boating Improvement Program or public boating access in accordance with s. 206.06.

Section 6. Paragraph (d) of subsection (3) of section 376.15, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

376.15 Derelict vessels; relocation or removal from public waters.—

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(d) The commission may establish a program to provide grants to local governments for the removal of derelict vessels from the public waters of the state. The program shall be funded from the Marine Resources Conservation Trust Fund or the Florida Coastal Protection Trust Fund. Notwithstanding the provisions in s. 216.181(11), funds available for grants may only be authorized by appropriations acts of the Legislature. In a given fiscal year, if all funds appropriated pursuant to this paragraph are not requested by and granted to local governments for the removal of derelict vessels by the end of the third quarter, the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission may use the remainder of the funds to remove, or to pay private contractors to remove, derelict vessels.

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TITLE AMENDMENT

Remove line 27 and insert:

discharge zones; amending s. 328.72, F.S.; revising the distribution of vessel registration fees to provide grants for derelict vessel removal and to fund the Florida Boating Improvement Program and specified public boating access; amending s. 376.15, F.S.; authorizing the commission to use certain funds to remove, or to pay private contractors to remove, derelict vessels; amending s. 823.11, F.S.; prohibiting

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