

## Senate Bill No. 1790

An act relating to the Florida Statutes; repealing various statutory provisions that have become obsolete, have had their effect, have served their purpose, or have been impliedly repealed or superseded; repealing s. 370.031, F.S., relating to a use study of Choctawhatchee Bay; repealing s. 370.033, F.S., relating to intent with respect to obsolete regulation of dredge and fill activities; amending ss. 370.037 and 370.038, F.S.; conforming cross-references; repealing s. 370.0805, F.S., relating to the net ban assistance program; amending s. 370.135, F.S.; deleting a provision relating to renewal of active blue crab endorsements in 1998; repealing s. 370.14(12), F.S., relating to the 2-day crawfish sport season; repealing s. 373.029, F.S., relating to the Southeast River Basins Resources Advisory Board; repealing s. 373.191, F.S., relating to county water conservation projects; amending s. 373.033, F.S.; removing a cross-reference, to conform; repealing s. 373.2295(11), F.S., relating to applications for interdistrict transfer and use of groundwater which were pending on a specified date; repealing s. 373.415(3), F.S., relating to development of a groundwater basin resource availability inventory for the Wekiva River Protection Area; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Section 370.031, Florida Statutes, is repealed.

Section 2. Section 370.033, Florida Statutes, is repealed.

Section 3. Paragraph (b) of subsection (1) of section 370.037, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

370.037 Denial, suspension, or revocation of certificate.—

(1) The department may refuse to issue or renew or may suspend or revoke any certificate on any of the following grounds:

(b) Willful disregard or violation of any of the provisions of ss. 370.034 and 370.036 ~~370.033-370.036~~ or of any rule or regulation promulgated thereunder.

Section 4. Section 370.038, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

370.038 Rules and regulations.—The department is authorized to make and adopt reasonable rules, regulations, and orders necessary to carry out the provisions of ss. 370.034-370.037 ~~370.033-370.037~~.

Section 5. Section 370.0805, Florida Statutes, is repealed.

Section 6. Subsection (2) of section 370.135, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

## 370.135 Blue crab; regulation.—

(2) No person shall harvest blue crabs with more than five traps, harvest blue crabs in commercial quantities, or sell blue crabs unless such person holds a valid saltwater products license with a restricted species endorsement and a blue crab endorsement (trap number) issued pursuant to this subsection.

(a) Effective June 1, 1998, and until July 1, 2002, no blue crab endorsement (trap number), except those endorsements that are active during the 1997-1998 fiscal year, shall be renewed or replaced.

~~(b) In 1998, persons holding an endorsement that was active in the 1997-1998 fiscal year, or an immediate family member of that person, must request approval of the endorsement prior to December 31, 1998.~~

~~(b)(c)~~ Effective January 1, 1999, in subsequent years and until July 1, 2002, a trap number holder, or members of his or her immediate family, must request renewal of the endorsement prior to September 30 of each year.

~~(c)(d)~~ If a person holding an active blue crab endorsement, or a member of that person's immediate family, does not request renewal of the endorsement before the applicable dates as specified in this subsection, the commission shall deactivate that endorsement.

~~(d)(e)~~ In the event of the death or disability of a person holding an active blue crab endorsement, the endorsement may be transferred by the person to a member of his or her immediate family or may be renewed by any person so designated by the executor of the person's estate.

~~(e)(f)~~ Persons who hold saltwater products licenses with blue crab endorsements issued to their boat registration numbers and who subsequently replace their existing vessels with new vessels shall be permitted to transfer the existing licenses to the new boat registration numbers.

Section 7. Subsection (12) of section 370.14, Florida Statutes, is repealed.

Section 8. Section 373.029, Florida Statutes, is repealed.

Section 9. Section 373.191, Florida Statutes, is repealed.

Section 10. Subsection (5) of section 373.033, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

## 373.033 Saltwater barrier line.—

~~(5) The provisions of s. 373.191 shall apply specifically to the authority of The board of county commissioners of a county, or to the governing board of a water management district, a municipality, or a water district having jurisdiction over an area in which a saltwater barrier line is established, may to expend funds from any available whatever source may be available to them for the purpose of constructing saltwater barrier dams, dikes, and~~

spillways within existing canals and streams in conformity with the purpose and intent of the board in establishing the saltwater barrier line.

Section 11. Subsection (11) of section 373.2295, Florida Statutes, is repealed.

Section 12. Subsection (3) of section 373.415, Florida Statutes, is repealed.

Section 13. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.

Approved by the Governor June 5, 2000.

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