

CHAPTER 2013-56

House Bill No. 5503

An act relating to the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission; amending ss. 328.72 and 379.354, F.S.; deleting provisions for periodic adjustments of certain fees based on changes in the Consumer Price Index; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Subsection (1) 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.—

(1) VESSEL REGISTRATION FEE.—

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Approved by the Governor May 20, 2013.

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