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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to recreational licenses and permits; amending s. 372.57, F.S.; providing for a military gold sportsman's license; providing for an annual fee; providing authorizations allowed under license; providing eligibility requirements; amending ss. 372.5712, 372.5715, and 372.573, F.S.; providing for uses of specified pro rata portions of revenue generated from the military gold sportsman's license; amending s. 372.661, F.S.; exempting patrons of licensed hunting preserves from the license and permit requirements of the military gold sportsman's license while hunting on the licensed preserve property; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Paragraph (j) is added to subsection (4) of section 372.57, Florida Statutes, to read:

372.57 Recreational licenses, permits, and authorization numbers; fees established.--

(4) RESIDENT HUNTING AND FISHING LICENSES.--The licenses and fees for residents participating in hunting and fishing activities in this state are as follows:

(j) Annual military gold sportsman's license, \$18.50. The gold sportsman's license authorizes the person to whom it is issued to take freshwater fish, saltwater fish, and game, subject to the state and federal laws, rules, and regulations,

29 including rules of the commission, in effect at the time of  
30 taking. Other authorized activities include activities  
31 authorized by a management area permit, a muzzle-loading gun  
32 permit, a turkey permit, a Florida waterfowl permit, an archery  
33 permit, a snook permit, and a crawfish permit. Any resident who  
34 is an active or retired member of the United States Armed  
35 Forces, the United States Armed Forces Reserve, the National  
36 Guard, the United States Coast Guard, or the United States Coast  
37 Guard Reserve is eligible to purchase the military gold  
38 sportsman's license upon submission of a current military  
39 identification card.

40 Section 2. Section 372.5712, Florida Statutes, is amended  
41 to read:

42 372.5712 Florida waterfowl permit revenues.--

43 (1) The commission shall expend the revenues generated  
44 from the sale of the Florida waterfowl permit as provided in s.  
45 372.57(8) (a) or that pro rata portion of any license that  
46 includes waterfowl hunting privileges, as provided in s.  
47 372.57(4) (h), ~~and (i)~~, and (j) and (9) (a)3. as follows: A  
48 maximum of 5 percent of the gross revenues shall be expended for  
49 administrative costs; a maximum of 25 percent of the gross  
50 revenues shall be expended for waterfowl research approved by  
51 the commission; and a maximum of 70 percent of the gross  
52 revenues shall be expended for projects approved by the  
53 commission, in consultation with the Waterfowl Advisory Council,  
54 for the purpose of protecting and propagating migratory  
55 waterfowl and for the development, restoration, maintenance, and  
56 preservation of wetlands within the state.

57 (2) The intent of this section is to expand waterfowl  
58 research and management and increase waterfowl populations in  
59 the state without detracting from other programs. The commission  
60 shall prepare an annual report documenting the use of funds  
61 generated under the provisions of this section, to be submitted  
62 to the Governor, the Speaker of the House of Representatives,  
63 and the President of the Senate on or before September 1 of each  
64 year.

65 Section 3. Section 372.5715, Florida Statutes, is amended  
66 to read:

67 372.5715 Florida wild turkey permit revenues.--

68 (1) The commission shall expend the revenues generated  
69 from the sale of the turkey permit as provided for in s.  
70 372.57(8)(b) or that pro rata portion of any license that  
71 includes turkey hunting privileges as provided for in s.  
72 372.57(4)(h), and (i), and (j) for research and management of  
73 wild turkeys.

74 (2) The intent of this section is to expand wild turkey  
75 research and management and to increase wild turkey populations  
76 in the state without detracting from other programs. The  
77 commission shall prepare an annual report documenting the use of  
78 funds generated under the provisions of this section, to be  
79 submitted to the Governor, the Speaker of the House of  
80 Representatives, and the President of the Senate on or before  
81 September 1 of each year.

82 Section 4. Section 372.573, Florida Statutes, is amended  
83 to read:

84           372.573 Management area permit revenues.--The commission  
 85 shall expend the revenue generated from the sale of the  
 86 management area permit as provided for in s. 372.57(8) (h) or  
 87 that pro rata portion of any license that includes management  
 88 area privileges as provided for in s. 372.57(4) (h), and (i), and  
 89 (j) for the lease, management, and protection of lands for  
 90 public hunting, fishing, and other outdoor recreation.

91           Section 5. Section 372.661, Florida Statutes, is amended  
 92 to read:

93           372.661 Private hunting preserve license fees;  
 94 exception.--

95           (1) Any person who operates a private hunting preserve  
 96 commercially or otherwise shall be required to pay a license fee  
 97 of \$70 for each such preserve; provided, however, that during  
 98 the open season established for wild game of any species a  
 99 private individual may take artificially propagated game of such  
 100 species up to the bag limit prescribed for the particular  
 101 species without being required to pay the license fee required  
 102 by this section; provided further that if any such individual  
 103 shall charge a fee for taking such game she or he shall be  
 104 required to pay the license fee required by this section and to  
 105 comply with the rules of the commission relative to the  
 106 operation of private hunting preserves.

107           (2) A commercial hunting preserve license, which shall  
 108 exempt patrons of licensed preserves from the license and permit  
 109 requirements of s. 372.57(4) (c), (d), (f), (h), and (i), and  
 110 (j); (5) (f) and (g); (8) (a), (b), (e), and (f); (9) (a)2.; (11);  
 111 and (12) while hunting on the licensed preserve property, shall

112 | be \$500. Such commercial hunting preserve license shall be  
113 | available only to those private hunting preserves licensed  
114 | pursuant to this section which are operated exclusively for  
115 | commercial purposes, which are open to the public, and for which  
116 | a uniform fee is charged to patrons for hunting privileges.

117 |       Section 6. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.