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1	(b) "Education" means informing government officials
2	and the general public about issues relating to the promotion
3	and protection of markets for Florida wild-caught food shrimp.
4	<u>(c) "Florida wild-caught food shrimp" means shrimp</u>
5	whose capture or distribution requires a saltwater products
6	<u>license under chapter 370, Florida Statutes.</u>
7	(d) "Litigation" means the costs associated with a
8	lawsuit that has successfully promoted and protected markets
9	for Florida wild-caught food shrimp.
10	(e) "Marketing" means advertising, merchandising,
11	publicity, or sales promotion.
12	(f) "Nonprofit entity" means a private business entity
13	incorporated under s. 501(c)(6) of the Internal Revenue Code
14	which, through an alliance of shrimp industry members in
15	southern coastal states from North Carolina to Texas, supports
16	the harvesting, processing, and distribution of wild-caught
17	food shrimp from sustainable stocks in the waters of the Gulf
18	of Mexico and South Atlantic, thereby helping to bring
19	long-term stability to the state's wild-caught food shrimp
20	industry.
21	(g) "Resident" has the same meaning as in s. 370.01,
22	<u>Florida Statutes.</u>
23	(2)(a) In addition to the fee charged for the
24	saltwater products license, beginning July 1, 2006:
25	1. Each individual engaged in the commercial taking of
26	Florida wild-caught food shrimp who is a resident and obtains
27	<u>a saltwater products license under s. 370.06(2)(e)1. or s.</u>
28	<u>370.06(2)(e)2., Florida Statutes, must pay an annual fee of</u>
29	\$250.
30	2. Each individual, firm, or corporation engaged in
31	the commercial taking of Florida wild-caught food shrimp which

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1	is a resident and obtains a saltwater products license under
2	<u>s. 370.06(3)(e)3., Florida Statutes, must pay an annual fee of</u>
3	\$250 for a vessel having a registered length of less than 50
4	feet or a fee of \$375 for a vessel having a registered length
5	of 50 feet or more. As used in this subparagraph, the term
6	"registered length" means the length of the vessel which is
7	specified in the vessel documentation required by the United
8	States Coast Guard and included in state registration records.
9	For purposes of this subparagraph, a resident firm or
10	corporation is a firm or corporation formed under the laws of
11	this state.
12	(b) Beginning July 1, 2006, each individual, firm, or
13	corporation that is a nonresident and engaged in the
14	commercial taking of Florida wild-caught food shrimp must, in
15	lieu of the fees otherwise imposed by s. 370.06(3)(e), Florida
16	<u>Statutes, pay an annual fee of \$800. However, if an</u>
17	individual, firm, or corporation that is a Florida resident is
18	required to pay an amount in excess of \$800 a year for a
19	similar license to engage in the commercial taking of
20	wild-caught food shrimp under the laws of the home state of
21	such nonresident, the annual fee shall be increased from \$800
22	to that higher amount. For purposes of this paragraph, a
23	Florida resident firm or corporation is a firm or corporation
24	formed under the laws of this state and a nonresident firm or
25	corporation is a firm or corporation formed under the laws of
26	<u>a state other than Florida.</u>
27	(3) The proceeds from the fees required by subsection
28	(2) must be deposited into the Florida Wild-Caught Food Shrimp
29	Economic Development Trust Fund. The commission shall
30	distribute these funds, less reasonable administrative costs,
31	<u>as follows:</u>

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1 (a) Fifty percent to the Bureau of Seafood and 2 Aquaculture Marketing within the Department of Agriculture and 3 Consumer Services for the purpose of marketing Florida 4 wild-caught food shrimp. 5 (b) Fifty percent to a nonprofit entity for the б purpose of education or litigation. The commission shall 7 select and enter into a contract with such an entity, which 8 contract must specify rights and responsibilities of the 9 entity consistent with this act. 10 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2006. 11 ****** 12 13 SENATE SUMMARY Establishes an additional annual fee for a resident 14 individual or business engaged in the commercial taking 15 of Florida wild-caught food shrimp. Provides for deposit of the fees into the Florida Wild-Caught Food Shrimp Economic Development Trust Fund. Provides for management of the fund by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation 16 Commission. Provides for distribution of the fund to the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services and a 17 18 nonprofit entity. 19 20 21 22 23 2.4 25 26 27 28 29 30 31

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