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1 The Conference Committee on CS for CS for SB 1286 recommended the
2 following **amendment**:

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4 **Conference Committee Amendment (with title amendment)**

5 Delete everything after the enacting clause
6 and insert:

7 Section 1. Section 20.331, Florida Statutes, is reenacted.

8 Section 2. Subsection (2) of section 328.48, Florida
9 Statutes, is amended to read:

10 328.48 Vessel registration, application, certificate,
11 number, decal, duplicate certificate.--

12 (2) All vessels used on the waters of the state must be
13 registered, either commercial or recreational as defined in this
14 chapter, except as follows:

15 (a) A vessel used exclusively on private lakes and ponds.

16 (b) A vessel owned by the United States Government.

17 (c) A vessel used exclusively as a ship's lifeboat.



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18 (d) A non-motor-powered vessel less than 16 feet in length,
19 and any non-motor-powered canoe, kayak, racing shell, or rowing
20 scull, regardless of length.

21 Section 3. Subsection (4) of section 328.56, Florida
22 Statutes, is amended to read:

23 328.56 Vessel registration number.--Each vessel that is
24 used on the waters of the state must display a commercial or
25 recreational Florida registration number, unless it is:

26 (4) A non-motor-powered vessel less than 16 feet in length,
27 and any non-motor-powered canoe, kayak, racing shell, or rowing
28 scull, regardless of length.

29 Section 4. Subsections (1) and (14) of section 328.72,
30 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

31 328.72 Classification; registration; fees and charges;
32 surcharge; disposition of fees; fines; marine turtle stickers.--

33 (1) VESSEL REGISTRATION FEE.--

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

38 Class A-1--Less than 12 feet in length, and all canoes to
39 which propulsion motors have been attached, regardless of length:
40 \$5.50 ~~\$3.50~~ for each 12-month period registered.

41 Class A-2--12 feet or more and less than 16 feet in length:
42 \$16.25 ~~10.50~~ for each 12-month period registered.

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

44 Class 1--16 feet or more and less than 26 feet in length:
45 \$28.75 ~~18.50~~ for each 12-month period registered.

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



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47 Class 2--26 feet or more and less than 40 feet in length:
48 \$78.25 ~~50.50~~ for each 12-month period registered.

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

50 Class 3--40 feet or more and less than 65 feet in length:
51 \$127.75 ~~82.50~~ for each 12-month period registered.

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

53 Class 4--65 feet or more and less than 110 feet in length:
54 \$152.75 ~~98.50~~ for each 12-month period registered.

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

56 Class 5--110 feet or more in length: \$189.75 ~~122.50~~ for each
57 12-month period registered.

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

59 Dealer registration certificate: \$25.50 ~~16.50~~ for each 12-
60 month period registered.

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

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

75 (14) EXEMPTIONS.--The following vessels are exempt from
76 provisions of subsection (1):



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77 (a) A vessel that is ~~vessels~~ owned and operated by Sea
78 Explorer or Sea Scout units of the Boy Scouts of America, the
79 Girl Scouts of America, the Florida Association of Christian
80 Child Caring Agencies, Inc., Safe Harbor Haven, Inc., or the
81 Associated Marine Institutes, Inc., and its affiliates, ~~or which~~
82 ~~are~~

83 (b) An antique vessel ~~vessels~~ as defined in paragraph
84 (2) (a) ~~are exempt from the provisions of subsection (1).~~

85 (c) A non-motor-powered sailing vessel that is owned by a
86 nonprofit entity and used exclusively for teaching boating
87 safety, boat handling, or seamanship skills, including the racing
88 of such sailing vessels.

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90 Such vessels shall be issued certificates of registration and
91 numbers upon application and payment of the service fee provided
92 in subsection (7).

93 Section 5. Subsection (1) of section 372.57, Florida
94 Statutes, is amended to read:

95 372.57 Recreational licenses, permits, and authorization
96 numbers; fees established.--

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

98 (a) Except as provided in s. 372.562, no person shall take
99 game, freshwater or saltwater fish, or fur-bearing animals within
100 this state without having first obtained a license, permit, or
101 authorization number and paid the fees set forth in this chapter.
102 Such license, permit, or authorization number shall authorize the
103 person to whom it is issued to take game, freshwater or saltwater
104 fish, or fur-bearing animals, and participate in outdoor
105 recreational activities in accordance with the laws of the state
106 and rules of the commission.



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

118 Section 6. The Office of Program Policy Analysis and
119 Government Accountability is directed to review and compare the
120 Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission's public relations and
121 outreach staffing levels in its Executive Direction and
122 Administrative Services division to an agency of similar makeup
123 and size in order to determine whether any efficiencies can be
124 achieved through restructuring or downsizing. The office shall
125 provide its findings and recommendations in the form of a report
126 to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of
127 Representatives by January 1, 2009.

128 Section 7. The Office of Program Policy Analysis and
129 Government Accountability is directed to review the outreach and
130 education activities of the Fish and Wildlife Conservation
131 Commission's Freshwater Fisheries and Marine Fisheries Management
132 divisions in order to determine if there is any duplication of
133 efforts with other state agencies or if efficiencies can be
134 achieved through restructuring or combining programs. The office
135 shall provide its findings and recommendations in the form of a



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136 report to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the
137 House of Representatives by January 1, 2009.

138 Section 8. The Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission is
139 directed to complete a 5-year "Air Station" conceptual plan,
140 designed to improve agency aircraft operations and maintenance
141 efficiency, and provide its finding and recommendations in a
142 report to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the
143 House of Representatives by January 1, 2009.

144 Section 9. The Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission is
145 directed to review its current land management activities and
146 provide recommendations for combining duplicative activities with
147 other state agencies or for outsourcing activities in order to
148 gain efficiencies or create cost-saving benefits. The commission
149 shall provide its findings and recommendations in a report to the
150 President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of
151 Representatives by January 1, 2009.

152 Section 10. The Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission
153 is directed to conduct a cost-benefit analysis of the activities
154 of the Fish and Wildlife Research Institute (FWRI), such as, but
155 not limited to, its geographic information system (GIS) technical
156 support, and provide recommendations on any efficiencies or cost-
157 savings benefits that may be gained from outsourcing those
158 activities. The commission shall provide its findings and
159 recommendations in a report to the President of the Senate and
160 the Speaker of the House of Representatives by January 1, 2009.

161 Section 11. Sections 372.107, 372.5714, 372.673, and
162 372.992, Florida Statutes, are repealed.

163 Section 12. This act shall take effect July 1, 2008.

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166 And the title is amended as follows:

167 Delete everything before the enacting clause
168 and insert:

169 A bill to be entitled
170 An act relating to the Fish and Wildlife Conservation
171 Commission; reenacting s. 20.331, F.S., relating to the
172 establishment of the commission; amending ss. 328.48 and
173 328.56, F.S., relating to vessel registration and vessel
174 registration numbers; clarifying the term "non-motor-
175 powered vessel" for purposes of an exception from
176 registration requirements; amending s. 328.72, F.S.,
177 relating to vessel registration fees; increasing such fees
178 for all vessels requiring registration; providing for
179 future adjustment of the vessel registration fees based on
180 the percentage change in the Consumer Pricing Index;
181 requiring the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission to
182 report to the Legislature on how the increase in fees will
183 be used; exempting certain non-motor-powered vessels from
184 requirements concerning vessel registration fees; amending
185 s. 372.57, F.S., relating to recreational hunting and
186 fishing licenses; providing for future adjustment of the
187 recreational hunting and fishing licenses based on the
188 percentage change in the Consumer Pricing Index; requiring
189 the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission to report to
190 the Legislature on how the increase in license and permit
191 fees will be used; requiring the Office of Program Policy
192 Analysis and Government Accountability to review and
193 report on the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission's
194 public relations, outreach, and education activities and
195 staffing levels by a date certain; requiring the Fish and



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196 Wildlife Conservation Commission to review and report on
197 specific activities within the agency by a date certain;
198 repealing sections 372.107, 372.5714, 372.673, and
199 372.992, F.S., relating to the Federal Law Enforcement
200 Trust Fund, the Waterfowl Advisory Council, the Florida
201 Panther Technical Advisory Council, and the Nongame
202 Wildlife Advisory Council; providing an effective date.