

CHAPTER 99-245

Committee Substitute for Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 864

An act relating to the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission; creating s. 20.331, F.S.; creating the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission; establishing administrative units within the new commission; establishing sources of funding; transferring the Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission, the Marine Fisheries Commission, and various bureaus of the Department of Environmental Protection to the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission; providing for administrative transfer of certain offices; providing legislative intent; providing for an operating agreement and an annual work plan regarding responsibilities shared by the department and the commission; providing for submission of the work plan to the Governor and the Legislature; providing for a memorandum of agreement between the commission and the department regarding responsibilities of the Florida Marine Research Institute to the department; amending s. 20.255, F.S.; revising language with respect to the administrative makeup of the Department of Environmental Protection to conform to the act; providing for the appropriation of certain revenues and federal funds to the commission; providing for limitation on expenditures by the commission; providing for the appointment of a working group by the Executive Office of the Governor; amending s. 20.14, F.S.; adding a Division of Aquaculture of the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services; amending s. 206.606, F.S.; adjusting distribution of fuel tax proceeds in conformance to the act to the commission; amending s. 320.08058, F.S.; conforming terminology to the act; amending s. 327.02, F.S.; providing definitions and repealing s. 327.02(6), F.S.; to remove reference to the Department of Environmental Protection; amending s. 327.25, F.S.; providing for classification and registration of vessels; adjusting location of antique license vessel decal; amending s. 327.26, F.S.; providing for stickers or emblems for the Save the Manatee Trust Fund; amending s. 327.28, F.S.; providing for the appropriation and distribution of vessel registration funds; amending s. 327.30, F.S.; providing requirements regarding collisions, accidents, and casualties; amending s. 327.35215, F.S.; providing penalties; amending s. 327.395, F.S.; providing for boating safety identification cards; amending s. 327.41, F.S.; providing for uniform watering regulatory markers; amending s. 327.43, F.S.; providing for navigation channel requirements; amending s. 327.46, F.S.; providing for the establishment of restricted areas on the waters of the state; repealing s. 258.398, F.S.; amending s. 327.48, F.S.; providing requirements for regattas, races, marine parades, tournaments, or exhibitions; amending s. 327.70, F.S.; providing for the enforcement of chapters 327 and 328, F.S.; amending s. 327.71, F.S.; providing an exemption; amending s. 327.731, F.S.; providing for mandatory education for violators; amending s. 327.74, F.S.; providing for uniform boating citations; amending s. 327.803, F.S.; providing for a Boating Advisory Council; amending s. 327.804, F.S.; providing for statistics on boating accidents and violations; amending s. 327.90, F.S.; providing for electronic or telephonic transactions; amending s. 328.01, F.S.; providing for application for certificate of title; amending s. 339.281, F.S.; providing for marine accident reports; amending s. 370.025, F.S.; providing marine policy and standards, and rulemaking authority for the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission; repealing s. 370.027(1), (2),

and (3), F.S.; deleting provisions relating to rulemaking authority with respect to marine life; amending s. 370.06, F.S.; transferring responsibilities for issuing certain licenses related to marine life to the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission and the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services; amending s. 370.0608, F.S.; providing for the deposit of license fees; allocating of federal funds; amending s. 370.063, F.S.; correcting references; deleting obsolete dates; adjusting use of fees; amending s. 370.071, F.S.; transferring responsibilities for the regulation of shellfish processors to the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services; amending s. 370.12, F.S.; providing rulemaking guidance related to endangered marine mammals; correcting obsolete references; amending s. 370.26, F.S.; transferring certain activities related to aquaculture to the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission; amending s. 372.072, F.S.; relating to the Endangered and Threatened Species Act; correcting obsolete references; amending s. 372.0725, F.S.; providing penalties for the killing or wounding of any species designated as endangered, threatened, or of special concern; amending s. 372.073, F.S.; transferring responsibility for the Endangered and Threatened Species Reward Program to the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission; amending s. 370.093, F.S.; correcting cross references; amending s. 376.11, F.S., authorizing additional users of the Coastal Protection Trust Fund; providing for the transfer of employee benefits for employees of designated state agencies; authorizing the Department of Environmental Protection to restructure and reorganize; providing for a report to the Legislature on the restructure and reorganization; repealing s. 20.325, F.S.; abolishing the Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission; repealing s. 370.026, F.S.; abolishing the Marine Fisheries Commission; instructing Division of Statutory Revision to draft reviser's bill for year 2000 Regular Session; amending s. 370.0603, F.S.; establishing the Marine Resources Conservation Trust Fund in the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission; amending s. 370.16; transferring certain activities related to oysters and shellfish to the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission; amending s. 932.7055, F.S.; providing for funds to be deposited into the Forfeited Property Trust Fund; amending ss. 20.055, 23.21, 120.52, 120.81, 163.3244, 186.003, 186.005, 229.8058, 240.155, 252.365, 253.05, 253.45, 253.75, 253.7829, 255.502, 258.157, 258.397, 258.501, 259.035, 259.036, 282.1095, 282.404, 285.09, 285.10, 288.021, 288.975, 316.640, 320.08058, 341.352, 369.20, 369.22, 369.25, 370.01, 370.021, 370.028, 370.06, 370.0605, 370.0615, 370.062, 370.0805, 370.081, 370.092, 370.1107, 370.1111, 370.13, 370.14, 370.1405, 370.142, 370.1535, 370.17, 370.31, 372.001, 372.01, 372.0215, 372.0222, 372.0225, 372.023, 372.025, 372.03, 372.051, 372.06, 372.07, 372.071, 372.074, 372.105, 372.106, 372.12, 372.121, 372.16, 372.26, 372.265, 372.27, 372.31, 372.57, 372.5714, 372.5717, 372.5718, 372.574, 372.651, 372.653, 372.66, 372.661, 372.662, 372.663, 372.664, 372.6645, 372.667, 372.6672, 372.672, 372.673, 372.674, 372.70, 372.701, 372.7015, 372.7016, 372.72, 372.73, 372.74, 372.76, 372.761, 372.77, 372.7701, 372.771, 372.85, 372.86, 372.87, 372.88, 372.89, 372.901, 372.911, 372.912, 372.92, 372.921, 372.922, 372.97, 372.971, 372.98, 372.981, 372.99, 372.9901, 372.9903, 372.9904, 372.9906, 372.991, 372.992, 372.995, 373.453, 373.455, 373.4595, 373.465, 373.466, 373.591, 375.021, 375.311, 375.312, 376.121, 378.011, 378.036, 378.409, 380.061, 388.45, 388.46, 403.0752, 403.0885, 403.413, 403.507, 403.508, 403.518, 403.526, 403.527, 403.5365, 403.7841, 403.786, 403.787, 403.9325, 403.941, 403.9411, 403.961, 403.962, 403.972, 403.973, 487.0615, 581.186, 585.21, 597.003, 597.006, 784.07, 790.06, 790.15, 828.122,

832.06, 843.08, 870.04, 943.1728, 252.937, 309.01, 370.023, 370.03, 370.0607, 370.0609, 370.061, 370.07, 370.071, 370.08, 370.0821, 370.10, 370.103, 370.135, 370.143, 370.15, 370.151, 370.153, 370.1603, 370.172, 370.18, 370.19, 370.20, 370.21, 372.107, 376.15, 823.11, F.S.; conforming provisions to the State Constitution and this act; providing an effective date.

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

Section 64. Paragraph (b) of subsection (1) of section 120.52, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

120.52 Definitions.--As used in this act:

(1) "Agency" means:

(b) Each state officer and state department, departmental unit described in s. 20.04, commission, regional planning agency, board, multicounty special district with a majority of its governing board comprised of nonelected persons, and authority, including, but not limited to, the Commission on Ethics and the Fish and Wildlife Conservation ~~Game and Fresh Water Fish~~ Commission when acting pursuant to statutory authority derived from the Legislature, educational units, and those entities described in chapters 163, 298, 373, 380, and 582 and s. 186.504, except any legal entity or agency created in whole or in part pursuant to chapter 361, part II, an expressway authority pursuant to chapter 348, or any legal or administrative entity created by an interlocal agreement pursuant to s. 163.01(7), unless any party to such agreement is otherwise an agency as defined in this subsection.

(c) Each other unit of government in the state, including counties and municipalities, to the extent they are expressly made subject to this act by general or special law or existing judicial decisions.

Section 65. Subsection (5) of section 120.81, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

120.81 Exceptions and special requirements; general areas.--

(5) HUNTING AND FISHING REGULATION.--Agency action which has the effect of altering established hunting or fishing seasons, or altering established annual harvest limits for saltwater fishing if the procedure for altering such harvest limits is set out by rule of the Fish and Wildlife Conservation ~~Marine Fisheries~~ Commission, is not a rule as defined by this chapter, provided such action is adequately noticed in the area affected through publishing in a newspaper of general circulation or through notice by broadcasting by electronic media.