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Short Title: For Hire Blanket CRFL/Commercial Vessel Fee. (Public)

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Sponsors: Representative Spear.

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Referred to:

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO MODIFY THE FOR HIRE BLANKET COASTAL RECREATIONAL  
FISHING LICENSE FEES FOR COMMERCIAL FISHING VESSELS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**SECTION 1.** G.S. 113-174.3 reads as rewritten:

**"§ 113-174.3. For Hire Blanket CRFL.**

(a) License. – A person who operates a for hire boat may purchase a For Hire Blanket CRFL issued by the Division for the for hire boat. A For Hire Blanket CRFL authorizes all individuals on the for hire boat who do not hold a license issued under this Article or Article 25A of this Chapter to engage in recreational fishing in coastal fishing waters that are not joint fishing waters. A For Hire Blanket CRFL does not authorize individuals to engage in recreational fishing in joint fishing waters or inland fishing waters. A For Hire Blanket CRFL is valid for a period of one year from the date of issuance. The fee for a For Hire Blanket CRFL is:

- (1) Two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00) for a vessel that will carry six or fewer passengers.
- (2) Three hundred fifty dollars (\$350.00) for a vessel that will carry greater than six passengers.
- (3) Fifty dollars (\$50.00) for a commercial fishing vessel licensed under Article 14A of this Chapter that will carry six or fewer passengers.
- (4) Seventy-five dollars (\$75.00) for a commercial fishing vessel licensed under Article 14A of this Chapter that will carry greater than six passengers.

(b) Implementation. – Except as provided in this section and G.S. 113-174.2(d), each individual on board a for hire boat engaged in recreational fishing, other than crew members who do not engage in recreational fishing, must hold a license issued under

1 this Article or Article 25A of this Chapter. An owner, operator, or crew member of a for  
2 hire boat is not responsible for the licensure of a customer fishing from the boat."  
3 **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective January 1, 2008.