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HOUSE BILL 1892

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

Sponsors: Representatives Spear and Justice (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to: Environment and Natural Resources, if favorable, Finance.

April 30, 2007

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO MODIFY THE FOR HIRE BLANKET COASTAL RECREATIONAL
3 FISHING LICENSE FEES FOR COMMERCIAL FISHING VESSELS.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

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

6 "**§ 113-174.3. For Hire Blanket CRFL.**

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

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

24 (b) Implementation. – Except as provided in this section and G.S. 113-174.2(d),
25 each individual on board a for hire boat engaged in recreational fishing, other than crew
26 members who do not engage in recreational fishing, must hold a license issued under
27 this Article or Article 25A of this Chapter. An owner, operator, or crew member of a for
28 hire boat is not responsible for the licensure of a customer fishing from the boat."

29 **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective January 1, 2008.