

April 29, 1999

H 1434. COASTAL RECREATIONAL FISHING LICENSE. TO ESTABLISH A COASTAL RECREATIONAL FISHING LICENSE. Enacts new art. 14B, GS 113-174 to establish different categories of coastal recreational fishing licenses (CRFL). No person who holds a commercial or recreational fishing license from another state as a resident of that state may obtain a CRFL as a resident of NC. The license fees are \$7.50 for a standard license valid for one year; \$3.50 for a one week CRFL; and \$1 for a one day CRFL. Persons who hold either a Standard Commercial Fishing License or Retired Standard Commercial Fishing License may obtain a CRFL without charge. Establishes various fees for lifetime CRFLs, and license fee exemptions for handicapped and disabled persons, disabled veterans, and blind persons. Provides for blanket CRFLs for operators of fishing boats and piers based on the length of the boat or pier. Provides for a Recreational Commercial Gear License (RCGL), the fee for which is \$35 for a NC resident and \$250 for a nonresident, and the license is valid for one year. Marine Fisheries Comm'n is directed to adopt rules allowing the limited use of commercial gear for recreational fishing. Proceeds from the sale of the licenses to be remitted to the Sealife Enhancement Fund, which is to be used primarily for resource and habitat enhancement, law enforcement and marine fisheries research. Effective March 1, 2001.

Intro. by Redwine and McComas.

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June 23, 1999

H 1434. COASTAL RECREATIONAL FISHING LICENSE. Intro. 4/29/99. House committee substitute makes the following changes to 1st edition. Adds language explaining rationale for bill. Extends GS 113-174.2(b) to renewal as well as purchases of licenses and provides that a license can be renewed by mail. Removes provision of GS 113-174.2 requiring persons over 65 years of age to pay \$10 for a lifetime coastal recreational fishing license and allows them to engage in recreational fishing without a license. Adds language to GS 113-174.2(d) and (e) to provide that charter/head/dive boat and ocean fishing pier blanket coastal recreational fishing license are valid for one year from the date of issuance. Amends proposed GS 113-174.4 such that persons holding only a recreational commercial gear license are not eligible for appointment to the Sealife Enhancement Advisory Committee. Adds GS 143B-289.52(a)(13) giving the Marine Fisheries Commission the power and duty to adopt rules to define fishing gear as either recreational or commercial. Adds provision requiring the Joint Legis. Comm. on Seafood and Aquaculture to study issues related to the establishment of a unified recreational fishing license for recreational fishing in both the inland and coastal fishing waters and present its findings to the 2000 Regular Session of the 1999 General Assembly.

June 30, 1999

H 1434. COASTAL RECREATIONAL FISHING LICENSE. Intro. 4/29/99. House committee substitute makes the following changes to 2nd edition. Amends GS 113-174.1 to make it unlawful for any person to engage in recreational fishing in coastal fishing waters without a license, and to have license available for inspection (new wording underlined). Makes conforming change to G.S. 113-174.2, G.S. 113-174.3. Amends G.S. 113-174.4(c) to change formula for allocation of money from Sealife Enhancement Fund. Provision permitting Div'n of Marine Fisheries to issue lifetime licenses sunsets December 31, 2002.

July 1, 1999

H 1434. COASTAL RECREATIONAL FISHING LICENSE. Intro. 4/28/99. House amendments makes the following changes to 3rd edition. Adds proposed new GS 143B-289.52(h) to provide that neither the Commission nor the Department may disclose personal information provided by an applicant for a commercial recreational fishing license unless the applicant gives written permission. Adds proposed new GS 113-174.2(g) to provide reciprocity with other states

requiring recreational commercial gear licenses. Makes technical correction to proposed GS 113-174.2(c)(2) such that a ten day coastal recreation fishing license is valid for a period of ten days.

July 6, 1999

H 1434. COASTAL RECREATIONAL FISHING LICENSE. Intro. 4/29/99. House amendment makes the following changes to 3rd edition. Amends GS 113-174.2(d) to add coastal recreational fishing license (CFRL) for private boats. Provides that owner of boat that is not used to take people fishing for hire may purchase CFRL, permitting all persons on boat who do not hold a CFRL to engage in recreational fishing. License is valid for one year from date of issuance, with fee based on length of vessel at \$1 per foot. Makes conforming change to new GS 113-174.2(g).