GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA SESSION 2007

S SENATE DRS35319-LDf-138 (03/13)

Short Title: For Hire Blanket CRFL License Fee. (Public)

Sponsors: Senator Brown.

Referred to:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. G.S. 113-174.3(a) reads as rewritten:

- "(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 <u>for hire boat</u> vessel <u>or a commercial fishing vessel</u> that will carry six or fewer passengers.
 - (2) Three hundred fifty dollars (\$350.00) for a <u>for hire boat</u> vessel <u>or a commercial fishing vessel</u> 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; provided that no commercial fishing takes place on the commercial fishing vessel when that vessel's trip is chartered as a for hire boat.
 - (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; provided that no commercial fishing takes place when that vessel's trip is chartered as a for hire boat."

SECTION 2. This act is effective when it becomes law.