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SENATE DRS55294-SBf-13 (03/06)

Short Title: Sale of Blocks of Ten-Day CRFLs.

(Public)

Sponsors: Senator Jenkins.

Referred to:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE SALE OF BLOCKS OF TEN TEN-DAY
COASTAL RECREATIONAL FISHING LICENSES.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. Article 14B of Chapter 113 of the General Statutes is amended
by adding a new section to read:

"§ 113-174.5. Blocks of 10 Ten-Day Coastal Recreational Fishing Licenses.

(a) The resident owner of a vessel that is 26 feet or more in length and that is either documented with the United States Coast Guard or registered with the Wildlife Resources Commission pursuant to G.S. 75A-4 may purchase a block of 10 Ten-Day Resident CRFLs or a block of 10 Ten-Day Nonresident CRFLs issued by the Division. A vessel owner who wishes to obtain a block of 10 Ten-Day CRFLs shall provide the Division with all information required by the Division, including information identifying the vessel on which the Ten-Day CRFLs will be used. Each individual Ten-Day CRFL shall identify the vessel for which the block of 10 Ten-Day CRFLs is issued. An individual Ten-Day CRFL issued as part of a block of 10 Ten-Day CRFLs may only be used on the vessel for which it was issued. An individual Ten-Day CRFL issued as part of a block of 10 Ten-Day CRFLs may not be used on a for hire boat.

(b) The fee for a block of 10 Ten-Day Resident CRFLs is seventy-five dollars (\$75.00). An individual Ten-Day Resident CRFL issued as part of a block of 10 Ten-Day Resident CRFLs is valid for a period of 10 consecutive days beginning on the date that the license information is recorded as provided by subsection (d) of this section. Only a resident of the State may engage in recreational fishing under the authority of an individual Ten-Day Resident CRFL issued as part of a block of 10 Ten-Day Resident CRFLs.

(c) The fee for a block of 10 Ten-Day Nonresident CRFLs is one hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00). An individual Ten-Day Nonresident CRFL issued as part of a block

1 of 10 Ten-Day Nonresident CRFLs is valid for a period of 10 consecutive days
2 beginning on the date that the license information is recorded as provided by subsection
3 (d) of this section. Only an individual who is not a resident of the State may engage in
4 recreational fishing under the authority of an individual Ten-Day Nonresident CRFL
5 issued as part of a block of 10 Ten-Day Nonresident CRFLs.

6 (d) Prior to any recreational fishing occurring under the authority of an individual
7 Ten-Day CRFL issued as part of a block of 10 ten Ten-Day CRFLs, the vessel owner
8 who purchased the block of 10 Ten-Day CRFLs shall record the date fishing activity
9 will begin and the name, address, telephone number, and date of birth of the individual
10 who will be fishing under the authority of the individual Ten-Day CRFL.

11 (e) A vessel owner who purchases a block of 10 Ten-Day CRFLs shall comply
12 with all data and information reporting requirements of the Division.

13 (f) A vessel owner who fails to comply with any of the requirements governing
14 the issuance, use, recording, or reporting of blocks of 10 Ten-Day CRFLs will be
15 ineligible to purchase any additional blocks of 10 Ten-Day CRFLs for a period of two
16 years from the date of noncompliance."

17 **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2007.