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HOUSE BILL DRH40285-MHa-78A

Short Title: Temporarily Waive Commercial Fishing Fees. (Public)

Sponsors: Representative Goodwin.

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO WAIVE CERTAIN COMMERCIAL FISHING LICENSE AND VESSEL
3 REGISTRATION FEES DUE BETWEEN APRIL 1, 2021, AND JUNE 29, 2022.
4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:
5 **SECTION 1.** Notwithstanding Article 14A of Chapter 113 of the General Statutes,
6 for the period from April 1, 2021, through June 29, 2022, the Division of Marine Fisheries of the
7 Department of Environmental Quality shall renew or register without payment of the required
8 fee all of the following permits or registrations that are active as of June 30, 2021:
9 (1) Standard Commercial Fishing License issued pursuant to G.S. 113-168.2.
10 (2) Retired Standard Commercial Fishing License issued pursuant to
11 G.S. 113-168.3.
12 (3) Shellfish license issued pursuant to G.S. 113-169.2.
13 (4) Commercial fishing vessel registration issued pursuant to G.S. 113-168.6.
14 **SECTION 2.** Any permittee or registration holder who has prepaid a fee that is
15 waived under Section 1 of this act may request a refund for the total amount of the prepaid fee.
16 No later than 30 days from the date it receives a request authorized under this section, the
17 Department of Environmental Quality shall refund the total amount of the prepaid fee to the
18 permittee or registration holder.
19 **SECTION 3.** This act is effective when it becomes law.

