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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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Appropriations Subcommittee on the Environment and Natural Resources (Articles) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment

Delete lines 33 - 82
and insert:

1. Lizards known as tegu lizards, consisting of the genera *Tupinambis* and *Salvator*, and any taxonomic synonymies of such genera.

2. Species listed in s. 379.372(2)(a).

3. *Pterois volitans*, also known as red lionfish.

4. *Pterois miles*, also known as the common lionfish or



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11 devil firefish.

12 (2) The commission shall establish a pilot program to
13 mitigate the impact of priority invasive species on the public
14 lands or waters of this state.

15 (a) The Legislature finds that priority invasive species
16 continue to expand their range and to decimate the fauna and
17 flora of the Everglades and other natural areas and ecosystems
18 in the southern and central parts of the state at an
19 accelerating rate.

20 (b) The goal of the pilot program is to examine the
21 benefits of using strategically deployed, trained private
22 contractors to slow the advance of these nonnative animals,
23 contain their populations, and eradicate them from this state.

24 (c) To implement the pilot program, the commission may
25 enter into contracts in accordance with chapter 287 with
26 entities or individuals to capture or destroy these nonnative
27 animals found on public lands or in the waters of the state. Any
28 private contracted work to be performed on public land or in the
29 waters of the state not owned or managed by the commission must
30 have the consent of the owner.

31 (d) The commission shall ensure that all captures and
32 disposals of these nonnative animals are documented and that the
33 geographic location of the take is recorded for research
34 purposes. The commission shall direct the disposal of all
35 animals captured and not destroyed in removal efforts.

36 (e) The commission shall submit a report of findings and
37 recommendations regarding its implementation of the pilot
38 program to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the
39 Speaker of the House of Representatives by January 1, 2020.



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40 (3) Before selling, reselling, or offering for sale any
41 nonnative animal specified by the commission pursuant to
42 paragraph (a), pet dealers must implant in the animal or have
43 the animal implanted with a passive integrated transponder (PIT)
44 tag as specified by the commission. The commission shall adopt
45 rules implementing this subsection, including:

46 (a) Identifying nonnative animals that threaten the state's
47 wildlife habitats and therefore must be implanted with a PIT
48 tag; and

49 (b) Establishing a standard for the types of PIT tags which
50 must be used by pet dealers and the manner in which they must be
51 implanted.

52 Section 2. For the 2017-2018 and 2018-2019 fiscal years,
53 the sum of \$300,000 each year in nonrecurring funds is
54 appropriated from the State Game Trust Fund to the Fish