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Amendment No. \_\_\_\_ CHAMBER ACTION <u>Senate</u> House 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 Senator Latvala moved the following amendment: 12 13 Senate Amendment On page 15, lines 22-28, delete those lines 14 15 16 and insert: Section 5. Section 370.093, Florida Statutes, is 17 18 amended to read: 19 370.093 Illegal use of nets.--(1) It is unlawful to take or harvest, or to attempt 20 to take or harvest, any marine life in Florida waters with any 21 22 net that is not consistent with the provisions of s. 16, Art. X of the State Constitution. 23 (2)(a) Beginning July 1, 1998, it is also unlawful to 24 25 take or harvest, or to attempt to take or harvest, any marine 26 life in Florida waters with any net, as defined in subsection 27 (3) and any attachments to such net, that combined are larger than 500 square feet and have not been expressly authorized 28 29 for such use by rule of the Marine Fisheries Commission under 30 s. 370.027. The use of currently legal shrimp trawls and purse seines outside nearshore and inshore Florida waters 31 1 s1506.nr19.f1 3:57 PM 04/21/98

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shall continue to be legal until the commission implements
rules regulating those types of gear.

3 (b) The use of gill or entangling nets of any size is 4 prohibited, as such nets are defined in s. 16, Art. X of the 5 State Constitution. Any net constructed wholly or partially 6 of monofilament or multifilament material, other than a hand 7 thrown cast net, or a handheld landing or dip net, shall be 8 considered to be an entangling net within the prohibition of s. 16, Art. X of the State Constitution unless specifically 9 10 authorized by rule of the commission. Multifilament material shall not be defined to include nets constructed of braided or 11 12 twisted nylon, cotton, linen twine, or polypropylene twine.

13 (c) This subsection shall not be construed to apply to14 aquaculture activities licenses issued pursuant to s. 370.26.

(3) As used in s. 16, Art. X of the State Constitution and this subsection, the term "net" or "netting" must be broadly construed to include all manner or combination of mesh or webbing or any other solid or semisolid fabric or other material used to comprise a device that is used to take or harvest marine life.

(4) Upon the arrest of any person for violation of this subsection, the arresting officer shall seize the nets illegally used. Upon conviction of the offender, the arresting authority shall destroy the nets.

(5) Any person who violates this section shall bepunished as provided in s. 370.092(4).

(6) The Marine Fisheries Commission is granted authority to adopt rules pursuant to ss. 370.025 and 370.027 implementing <u>this section and</u> the prohibitions and restrictions of s. 16, Art. X of the State Constitution.

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