

By Representative Smith

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to hunting; amending s. 372.57,  
3           F.S.; providing that the Fish and Wildlife  
4           Conservation Commission may not sponsor,  
5           conduct, or designate by rule special days for  
6           hunting by youths under 16 years of age in any  
7           wildlife management area; providing an  
8           effective date.

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10   Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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12           Section 1. Subsection (6) of section 372.57, Florida  
13   Statutes, is amended to read:

14           372.57 Licenses and permits; exemptions; fees.--No  
15   person, except as provided herein, shall take game, freshwater  
16   fish, or fur-bearing animals within this state without having  
17   first obtained a license, permit, or authorization and paid  
18   the fees hereinafter set forth, unless such license is issued  
19   without fee as provided in s. 372.561. Such license, permit,  
20   or authorization shall authorize the person to whom it is  
21   issued to take game, freshwater fish, or fur-bearing animals  
22   in accordance with law and commission rules. Such license,  
23   permit, or authorization is not transferable. Each license or  
24   permit must bear on its face in indelible ink the name of the  
25   person to whom it is issued and other information requested by  
26   the commission. Such license, permit, or authorization issued  
27   by the commission or any agent must be in the personal  
28   possession of the person to whom issued while taking game,  
29   freshwater fish, or fur-bearing animals. The failure of such  
30   person to exhibit such license, permit, or authorization to  
31   the commission or its wildlife officers, when such person is

1 found taking game, freshwater fish, or fur-bearing animals, is  
2 a violation of law. A positive form of identification is  
3 required when using an authorization, a lifetime license, a  
4 5-year license, or when otherwise required by the license or  
5 permit. The lifetime licenses and 5-year licenses provided  
6 herein shall be embossed with the name, date of birth, date of  
7 issuance, and other pertinent information as deemed necessary  
8 by the commission. A certified copy of the applicant's birth  
9 certificate shall accompany each application for a lifetime  
10 license for a resident 12 years of age or younger. Each  
11 applicant for a license, permit, or authorization shall  
12 provide the applicant's social security number on the  
13 application form. Disclosure of social security numbers  
14 obtained through this requirement shall be limited to the  
15 purpose of administration of the Title IV-D child support  
16 enforcement program and use by the commission, and as  
17 otherwise provided by law.

18 (6)(a) The commission may designate by rule no more  
19 than 2 consecutive or nonconsecutive days in each year as free  
20 fishing days. Notwithstanding any other provision of this  
21 chapter, any person may take freshwater fish for noncommercial  
22 purposes on a free fishing day without obtaining or possessing  
23 a license or paying a license fee as prescribed in this  
24 section. A person who takes freshwater fish on a free fishing  
25 day without obtaining a license or paying a fee must comply  
26 with all laws and regulations governing holders of a fishing  
27 license and all other conditions and limitations regulating  
28 the taking of freshwater fish as are imposed by law or rule.

29 (b) The commission may not sponsor, conduct, or  
30 designate by rule special days for hunting by youths under the  
31 age of 16 years in any area designated by the commission as a

