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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to wildlife; amending s.
372.667, F.S.; prohibiting the feeding or
enticement of alligators or crocodiles;
providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Section 372.667, Florida Statutes, is
amended to read:

372.667 Feeding or enticement of alligators or
crocodiles unlawful; penalty.--

(1) A ~~No~~ person may not ~~shall intentionally~~ feed, or
entice with feed, any wild American alligator (Alligator
mississippiensis) or American crocodile (Crocodylus acutus).
However, ~~the provisions of this section~~ does ~~shall~~ not apply
to:

(a) Those persons feeding alligators or crocodiles
maintained in protected captivity for educational, scientific,
commercial, or recreational purposes.

(b) Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission
personnel, persons licensed or otherwise authorized by the
commission, or county or municipal animal control personnel
when relocating alligators or crocodiles by baiting or
enticement.

(2) As used in ~~For the purposes of~~ this section, the
term "maintained in protected captivity" means held in
captivity under a permit issued by the Fish and Wildlife
Conservation Commission pursuant to s. 372.921 or s. 372.922.

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(3) Any person who violates this section commits ~~is guilty of~~ a misdemeanor of the second degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083.

Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.

SENATE SUMMARY

Prohibits the feeding or enticement of alligators or crocodiles.