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1                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to wildlife; amending s. 372.667, F.S.;  
3           prohibiting the feeding or enticement of alligators or  
4           crocodiles; providing an effective date.

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

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

10           372.667 Feeding or enticement of alligators or crocodiles  
11   unlawful; penalty.--

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

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

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

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

27           (3) Any person who violates this section commits a Level  
28   Two violation under s. 372.83.

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