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Senate

House

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1 Representative Kendrick offered the following:

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3 **Amendment (with title amendment)**

4 Between lines 5018 and 5019, insert:

5 Section 89. Section 370.081, Florida Statutes, is
6 renumbered as section 379.26, Florida Statutes, and amended to
7 read:

8 379.26 ~~370.081~~ Illegal importation or possession of
9 nonindigenous marine plants and animals; rules and
10 regulations.--

11 (1) It is unlawful to import or possess any marine plant
12 or marine animal, not indigenous to the state, which, due to the
13 stimulating effect of the waters of the state on procreation,
14 may endanger or infect the marine resources of the state or pose
15 a human health hazard, except as provided in this section.

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16 (2) Marine animals not to be imported shall include, but
17 are not limited to, all species of the following:

18 (a) Sea snakes (Family Hydrophiidae), except as provided
19 in subsection (4);

20 (b) Weeverfishes (Family Trachinidae); and

21 (c) Stonefishes (Genus Synanceja).

22 (3) The Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission is
23 authorized to adopt, pursuant to chapter 120, rules and
24 regulations to include any additional marine plant or marine
25 animal which may endanger or infect the marine resources of the
26 state or pose a human health hazard.

27 (4) A zoological park and aquarium may import sea snakes
28 of the family Hydrophiidae for exhibition purposes only under
29 the following conditions:

30 (a) Only male sea snakes may be possessed.

31 (b) A zoological park and aquarium possessing sea snakes
32 shall not be located in a coastal county and shall have no
33 contiguous connection with any waters of the state.

34 (c) Each zoological park and aquarium possessing sea
35 snakes shall provide quarterly reports to the department
36 regarding the number of each species of sea snakes on the
37 premises and any changes in inventory resulting from death or
38 additions by importation.

39 (d) Sea snakes shall not be released into the waters of
40 the state.

41 (e) Each zoological park and aquarium possessing sea
42 snakes shall post with the commission a \$1 million letter of
43 credit. The letter of credit shall be in favor of the State of

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44 Florida, Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, for use by
45 the commission to remove any sea snake accidentally or
46 intentionally introduced into waters of the state. The letter of
47 credit shall be written in the form determined by the
48 commission. The letter of credit shall provide that the
49 zoological park and aquarium is responsible for the sea snakes
50 within that facility and shall be in effect at all times that
51 the zoological park and aquarium possesses sea snakes.

52 (f) A zoological park and aquarium shall not barter, sell,
53 or trade sea snakes within this state.

54 (g) A zoological park and aquarium that imports sea snakes
55 may bring the sea snakes into this state only by airplane that
56 may only land at an airport located in a noncoastal county
57 within this state.

58 (h) A zoological park and aquarium possessing sea snakes
59 shall abide by all statutory and regulatory requirements of the
60 Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission with respect to
61 venomous reptiles.

62 (5) It is unlawful to release into the waters of the state
63 any nonindigenous saltwater species whether or not included in
64 subsection (2) or prohibited by rules and regulations adopted
65 pursuant to subsection (3) or authorized by subsection (4).

66 (6) Any person who violates this section commits a Level
67 Three violation under s. 379.401 ~~372.83~~.

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Remove line 19 and insert:

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