

LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Senate House

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The Committee on General Government Appropriations (Oelrich) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment

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Delete lines 2009 - 2089 and insert:

(2) If two or more persons violate s. 379.501(1) so that the damage is indivisible, each violator shall be jointly and severally liable for the damage and for the reasonable cost and expenses of the state incurred in restoring the waters and property of the state, including the animal, plant, and aquatic life, to their former condition. However, if the damage is divisible and may be attributed to a particular violator or

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violators, each violator is liable only for that damage attributable to his or her violation.

(3) In assessing damages for fish killed, the value of the fish shall be determined in accordance with a table of values for individual categories of fish, which shall be adopted by the Department of Environmental Protection pursuant to s. 403.141(3). The total number of fish killed may be estimated by standard practices used in estimating fish population.

Section 46. Subsection (1) of section 403.088, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

403.088 Water pollution operation permits; conditions.-

(1) No person, without written authorization of the department, shall discharge into waters within the state any waste which, by itself or in combination with the wastes of other sources, reduces the quality of the receiving waters below the classification established for them. However, this section shall not be deemed to prohibit the application of pesticides to waters in the state for the control of insects, aquatic weeds, or algae, provided the application is performed pursuant to a program approved by the Department of Health, in the case of insect control, or the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission department, in the case of aquatic weed or algae control. The department is directed to enter into interagency agreements to establish the procedures for program approval. Such agreements shall provide for public health, welfare, and safety, as well as environmental factors. Approved programs must provide that only chemicals approved for the particular use by the United States Environmental Protection Agency or by the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services may be employed and that they

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be applied in accordance with registered label instructions, state standards for such application, and the provisions of the Florida Pesticide Law, part I of chapter 487.

Section 47. The statutory powers, duties, and functions related to ss. 369.20, 369.22, and 369.252, Florida Statutes, which were transferred by chapter 2008-150, Laws of Florida, and all records, personnel, and property; unexpended balances of appropriations, allocations, and other funds; administrative authority; administrative rules; pending issues; and existing contracts of the Bureau of Invasive Plant Management in the Department of Environmental Protection are transferred by a type two transfer, pursuant to s. 20.06(2), Florida Statutes, to the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission. All actions taken pursuant to chapter 2008-150, Laws of Florida, and the Interagency Agreement executed thereto are ratified.

Section 48. The Invasive Plant Control Trust Fund, FLAIR number 37-2-030, in the Department of Environmental Protection is transferred to the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, FLAIR number 77-2-030.

Section 49. For the purpose of incorporating the amendment made by this act to section 319.32, Florida Statutes, in a reference thereto, paragraph (a) of subsection (2) of section 379.209, Florida Statutes, is reenacted to read:

379.209 Nongame Wildlife Trust Fund.-

(2)(a) There is established within the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission the Nongame Wildlife Trust Fund. The fund shall be credited with moneys collected pursuant to ss. 319.32(3) and 320.02(8). Additional funds may be provided from legislative appropriations and by donations from interested



individuals and organizations. The commission shall designate an identifiable unit to administer the trust fund.

Section 50. For the purpose of incorporating the amendment made by this act to section 379.353, Florida Statutes, in a reference thereto, subsection (7) of section 379.3581, Florida Statutes, is reenacted to read:

379.3581 Hunter safety course; requirements; penalty.-

(7) The hunter safety requirements of this section do not apply to persons for whom licenses are not required under s. 379.353(2).

Section 51. For the 2009-2010 fiscal year, the sum of \$185,000 is appropriated from the State Game Trust Fund to the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission for license issuance costs resulting from changes to the saltwater fishing shoreline exemption.

Section 52. Effective October 1, 2009, section 327.22, Florida Statutes, is repealed.

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