

**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
FINAL BILL ANALYSIS**

**BILL #:** HB 4039

**FINAL HOUSE FLOOR ACTION:**

**SPONSOR(S):** Waldman

114 **Y's**                      0 **N's**

**COMPANION**    N/A  
**BILLS:**

**GOVERNOR'S ACTION:** Approved

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**SUMMARY ANALYSIS**

HB 4039 passed the House on April 26, 2013, and subsequently passed the Senate on April 30, 2013.

This bill repeals ch. 8636, L.O.F., which regulates fishing gear, prohibits use of explosives or harmful materials as a fishing method, and sets black bass landing sizes and daily bag limits in Broward County, Florida. This law is obsolete and duplicative as the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission now regulates these areas state-wide.

This bill has no fiscal impact on state or local government.

The bill was approved by the Governor on June 28, 2013, ch. 2013-271, L.O.F., and became effective on that date.

## I. SUBSTANTIVE INFORMATION

### A. EFFECT OF CHANGES:

This bill repeals ch. 8636, L.O.F., which applies to Broward County and requires all fishing use only hook and line or size-restricted cast net; prohibits the use of any explosive or deleterious materials that may injure fish; sets black bass minimum landing size at 10 inches and daily bag limit at 15 per person; categorizes any action violative of these sections as a misdemeanor.

This provision is obsolete and duplicative as now the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission's rules apply to all Florida freshwater fish, which includes black bass. Chapter 68A-23, F.A.C., provides permissible freshwater fishing methods, gear, and minimum landing sizes based on geographic area within the state. Both ch. 68A-23, F.A.C., and ch. 379, F.S., prohibit use of explosives or deleterious materials while fishing. Chapter 68B-14.0036, F.A.C., sets the state-wide daily bag limit at 15 per person.

## II. NOTICE/REFERENDUM AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS

A. NOTICE PUBLISHED? Yes  No

IF YES, WHEN? January 23, 2013

WHERE? The *Sun-Sentinel*, a daily newspaper published in Broward County, Florida.

B. REFERENDUM(S) REQUIRED? Yes  No

IF YES, WHEN?

C. LOCAL BILL CERTIFICATION FILED? Yes  No

D. ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT FILED? Yes  No