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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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The Committee on Appropriations (Hukill) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete lines 355 - 397

and insert:

Section 8. Paragraph (b) of subsection (1) of section 379.223, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

379.223 Citizen support organizations; use of state property; audit.—

(1) The Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission may authorize the establishment of citizen support organizations to



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11 provide assistance, funding, and promotional support for the
12 programs of the commission. For purposes of this section, the
13 term "citizen support organization" means an organization which:

14 (b) Is organized and operated to conduct programs and
15 activities; raise funds; request and receive grants, gifts, and
16 bequests of money; acquire, receive, hold, invest, and
17 administer in its own name securities, funds, or real or
18 personal property; and make expenditures for the benefit of the
19 commission or an individual program unit of the commission;
20 except that such organization may not receive funds from the
21 commission or the Fish and Wildlife Research Institute by grant
22 or, gift, or contract unless specifically authorized by the
23 Legislature. If the citizen support organization by contract
24 provides fiscal and administrative services to the commission on
25 a grant or program that benefits the commission, the
26 organization may be reimbursed or compensated for such services
27 by the commission, provided the services are a direct benefit to
28 the commission.

29 Section 9. Subsections (1), (4), and (5) of section
30 379.3751, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

31 379.3751 Taking and possession of alligators; trapping
32 licenses; fees.—

33 (1) (a) A ~~No~~ person may not ~~shall~~ take or possess an ~~any~~
34 alligator or the eggs thereof without having first been issued
35 an alligator license under ~~obtained from the commission a~~
36 ~~trapping license and paid the fee provided in~~ this section. Such
37 license shall be dated when issued and remain valid for 12
38 months after the date of issuance and authorizes ~~shall authorize~~
39 the person to whom it is issued to take or possess alligators



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40 and their eggs, and to sell, possess, and process alligators and
41 their hides and meat, in accordance with law and commission
42 rules. Such license is ~~shall~~ not ~~be~~ transferable and is ~~shall~~
43 not ~~be~~ valid unless it bears on its face in indelible ink the
44 name of the person to whom it is issued. Such license shall be
45 in the personal possession of the licensee while such person is
46 taking alligators or their eggs or is selling, possessing, or
47 processing alligators or their eggs, hides, or meat. The failure
48 of the licensee to exhibit such license to a the commission law
49 enforcement officer ~~or its wildlife officers~~, when such person
50 is found taking alligators or their eggs or is found selling,
51 possessing, or processing alligators or their eggs, hides, or
52 meat, is ~~shall be~~ a violation of law.

53 ~~(b) In order to assure the optimal utilization of the~~
54 ~~estimated available alligator resource and to ensure adequate~~
55 ~~control of the alligator management and harvest program, the~~
56 ~~commission may by rule limit the number of participants engaged~~
57 ~~in the taking of alligators or their eggs from the wild.~~

58 ~~(b)(e)~~ A ~~no~~ person who has been convicted of any violation
59 of s. 379.3015 or s. 379.409 or the rules of the commission
60 relating to the illegal taking of crocodilian species may not
61 ~~shall be~~ issued ~~eligible for issuance of~~ a license for a period
62 of 5 years subsequent to such conviction. In the event such
63 violation involves the unauthorized taking of an endangered
64 crocodilian species, a ~~no~~ license may not ~~shall~~ be issued for 10
65 years subsequent to the conviction.

66 (c) A person taking a nuisance alligator pursuant to
67 contract with the commission is not required to obtain an
68 alligator trapping license. A person assisting a contracted



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69 nuisance alligator trapper, unless otherwise exempt under
70 paragraph (d), paragraph (e), or paragraph (f), is required to
71 possess an alligator trapping license or an alligator trapping
72 agent's license as provided in

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75 And the title is amended as follows:

76 Between lines 24 and 25

77 insert:

78 amending s. 379.223, F.S.; authorizing citizen support
79 organizations to receive funds from the commission if
80 the organizations provide services by contract under
81 certain circumstances;