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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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02/22/2017	.	
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The Committee on Environmental Preservation and Conservation
(Articles) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete everything after the enacting clause
and insert:

Section 1. Section 379.2311, Florida Statutes, is created
to read:

379.2311 Nonnative animal management.-

(1) As used in this section, the term:

(a) "Pet dealer" means any person who, in the ordinary
course of business, engages in the sale of more than 20 animals



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11 per year to the public. This term includes breeders who sell
12 animals directly to consumers.

13 (b) "Priority invasive species" means the following
14 species:

15 1. Lizards of the genus *Tupinambis*, also known as tegu
16 lizards.

17 2. Species listed in s. 379.372(2)(a).

18 3. *Pterois volitans*, also known as red lionfish.

19 4. *Pterois miles*, also known as the common lionfish or
20 devil firefish.

21 (2) The commission shall establish a pilot program to
22 mitigate the impact of priority invasive species on the public
23 lands or waters of this state.

24 (a) The Legislature finds that priority invasive species
25 continue to expand their range and to decimate the fauna and
26 flora of the Everglades and other natural areas and ecosystems
27 in the southern and central parts of the state at an
28 accelerating rate.

29 (b) The goal of the pilot program is to examine the
30 benefits of using strategically deployed, trained private
31 contractors to slow the advance of these nonnative animals,
32 contain their populations, and eradicate them from this state.

33 (c) To implement the pilot program, the commission may
34 enter into contracts in accordance with chapter 287 with
35 entities or individuals to capture or destroy these nonnative
36 animals found on public lands or in the waters of the state. Any
37 private contracted work to be performed on public land or in the
38 waters of the state not owned or managed by the commission must
39 have the consent of the owner.



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40 (d) The commission shall ensure that all captures and
41 disposals of these nonnative animals are documented and
42 photographed and that the geographic location of the take is
43 recorded for research purposes. The commission shall direct the
44 disposal of all animals captured and not destroyed in removal
45 efforts.

46 (e) The commission shall submit a report of findings and
47 recommendations regarding its implementation of the pilot
48 program to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the
49 Speaker of the House of Representatives by January 1, 2020.

50 (3) Before selling, reselling, or offering for sale any
51 nonnative animal specified by the commission pursuant to
52 paragraph (a), pet dealers must implant in the animal or have
53 the animal implanted with a passive integrated transponder (PIT)
54 tag as specified by the commission. The commission shall adopt
55 rules implementing this subsection, including:

56 (a) Identifying nonnative animals that threaten the state's
57 wildlife habitats and therefore must be implanted with a PIT
58 tag; and

59 (b) Establishing a standard for the types of PIT tags which
60 must be used by pet dealers and the manner in which they must be
61 implanted.

62 Section 2. For the 2017-2018 and 2018-2019 fiscal years,
63 the sum of \$300,000 each year in nonrecurring funds is
64 appropriated from the Land Acquisition Trust Fund to the Fish
65 and Wildlife Conservation Commission for the purpose of
66 implementing s. 379.2311.

67 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2017.

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69 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

70 And the title is amended as follows:

71 Delete everything before the enacting clause

72 and insert:

73 A bill to be entitled

74 An act relating to nonnative animals; creating s.
75 379.2311, F.S.; defining the terms "pet dealer" and
76 "priority invasive species"; requiring the Fish and
77 Wildlife Conservation Commission to establish a pilot
78 program for the eradication of priority invasive
79 species; providing legislative findings; providing
80 goals for the pilot program; authorizing the
81 commission to enter into specified contracts;
82 specifying parameters for the implementation of the
83 pilot program; specifying procedures for handling
84 captures and the disposal of the animals; requiring
85 the commission to submit a report to the Governor and
86 the Legislature by a specified date; requiring certain
87 nonnative species to be implanted with a passive
88 integrated transponder before sale, resale, or being
89 offered for sale by a pet dealer; requiring the
90 commission to adopt rules; providing appropriations;
91 providing an effective date.