

Amendment No. 2

COMMITTEE/SUBCOMMITTEE ACTION

ADOPTED	<u> </u>	(Y/N)
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1 Committee/Subcommittee hearing bill: Agriculture & Natural
2 Resources Appropriations Subcommittee
3 Representative Beshears offered the following:

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5 **Substitute Amendment for Amendment (215781) by**
6 **Representative Beshears**

7 Remove everything after the enacting clause and insert:
8 Section 1. Section 379.2311, Florida Statutes, is created
9 to read:

10 379.2311 Nonnative animal management.-

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

12 (a) "Pet dealer" means any person who, in the ordinary
13 course of business, engages in the sale of more than 20 animals
14 per year to the public. This term includes breeders who sell
15 animals directly to consumers.

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16 (b) "Priority invasive species" means the following
17 species:

18 1. Lizards known as tegu lizards, consisting of the genera
19 Tupinambis and Salvator, and any taxonomic synonymies of such
20 genera.

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

22 3. Pterois volitans, also known as red lionfish.

23 4. Pterois miles, also known as the common lionfish or
24 devil firefish.

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

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

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

37 (c) To implement the pilot program, the commission may
38 enter into contracts in accordance with chapter 287 with
39 entities or individuals to capture or destroy these nonnative
40 animals found on public lands or in the waters of the state. Any

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41 private contracted work to be performed on public land or in the
42 waters of the state not owned or managed by the commission must
43 have the consent of the owner.

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

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

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

59 (a) Identifying nonnative animals that threaten the
60 state's wildlife habitats and therefore must be implanted with a
61 PIT tag; and

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

65 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2017.