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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Senate

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Senator Steube moved 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 "priority invasive  
species" means the following:

(a) Lizards of the genus *Tupinambis*, also known as tegu  
lizards;



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12 (b) Species identified in s. 379.372(2)(a);

13 (c) *Pterois volitans*, also known as red lionfish; and

14 (d) *Pterois miles*, also known as the common lionfish or  
15 devil firefish.

16 (2) The Legislature finds that priority invasive species  
17 continue to expand their range and to decimate the fauna and  
18 flora of the Everglades and other natural areas and ecosystems  
19 in the southern and central parts of the state at an  
20 accelerating rate. Therefore, the commission shall establish a  
21 pilot program to mitigate the impact of priority invasive  
22 species on the public lands or waters of this state.

23 (a) The goal of the pilot program is to examine the  
24 benefits of using strategically deployed, trained private  
25 contractors to slow the advance of priority invasive species,  
26 contain their populations, and eradicate them from this state.

27 (b) In implementing the pilot program, the commission may  
28 enter into contracts in accordance with chapter 287 with  
29 entities or individuals to capture or destroy animals belonging  
30 to priority invasive species found on public lands or in the  
31 waters of this state. Any private contracted work to be  
32 performed on public land or in the waters of the state not owned  
33 or managed by the commission must have the consent of the owner.

34 (c) The commission shall ensure that all captures and  
35 disposals of animals that belong to these priority invasive  
36 species are documented and photographed and that the geographic  
37 location of the take is recorded for research purposes. The  
38 commission shall direct the disposal of all animals captured and  
39 not destroyed in removal efforts.

40 (d) The commission shall submit a report of findings and



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41 recommendations regarding its implementation of the pilot  
42 program to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the  
43 Speaker of the House of Representatives by January 1, 2021.

44 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2018.

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47 And the title is amended as follows:

48 Delete everything before the enacting clause

49 and insert:

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A bill to be entitled

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An act relating to nonnative animals; creating s.

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379.2311, F.S.; defining the term "priority invasive

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species"; providing legislative findings; requiring

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the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission to

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establish a pilot program for the eradication of

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priority invasive species; providing the goal of the

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pilot program; authorizing the commission to enter

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into specified contracts; specifying parameters for

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the implementation of the pilot program; specifying

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procedures for the capture and disposal of animals

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that belong to priority invasive species; requiring

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the commission to submit a report to the Governor and

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the Legislature by a specified date; providing an

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effective date.