

By the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources; and
Senator Mayfield

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to fish and wildlife activities;
3 amending s. 379.105, F.S.; prohibiting certain
4 harassment of hunters, trappers, and fishers within or
5 on public lands or publicly or privately owned
6 wildlife and fish management areas, or in or on public
7 waters; amending s. 379.354, F.S.; authorizing the
8 Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission to designate
9 additional annual free freshwater and saltwater
10 fishing days; amending s. 379.372, F.S.; prohibiting
11 the keeping, possessing, importing, selling,
12 bartering, trading, or breeding of certain species
13 except for educational or research purposes; including
14 green iguanas and species of the genera *Salvator* and
15 *Tupinambis* in such prohibition; reenacting s.
16 379.2311(1), F.S., relating to the definition of the
17 term "priority invasive species," to incorporate the
18 amendment made to s. 379.372, F.S., in a reference
19 thereto; providing an effective date.

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21 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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23 Section 1. Subsection (1) of section 379.105, Florida
24 Statutes, is amended to read:

25 379.105 Harassment of hunters, trappers, or fishers.—

26 (1) A person may not intentionally, within or on any public
27 lands or a publicly or privately owned wildlife management and
28 ~~or~~ fish management areas, ~~area~~ or in or on any public waters
29 ~~state-owned water body~~:

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30 (a) Interfere with or attempt to prevent the lawful taking
31 of fish, game, or nongame animals by another within or on such
32 lands or areas, or in or on such waters.

33 (b) Attempt to disturb fish, game, or nongame animals or
34 attempt to affect their behavior with the intent to prevent
35 their lawful taking by another within or on such lands or areas,
36 or in or on such waters.

37 Section 2. Subsection (15) of section 379.354, Florida
38 Statutes, is amended to read:

39 379.354 Recreational licenses, permits, and authorization
40 numbers; fees established.—

41 (15) FREE FISHING DAYS.—The commission may designate by
42 rule no more than 6 4 consecutive or nonconsecutive days in each
43 year as free freshwater fishing days and no more than 6 4
44 consecutive or nonconsecutive days in each year as free
45 saltwater fishing days. Notwithstanding any other provision of
46 this chapter, a ~~any~~ person may take freshwater fish for
47 noncommercial purposes on a free freshwater fishing day and may
48 take saltwater fish for noncommercial purposes on a free
49 saltwater fishing day, without obtaining or possessing a license
50 or permit or paying a license or permit fee as set forth
51 ~~prescribed~~ in this section. A person who takes freshwater or
52 saltwater fish on a free fishing day must comply with all laws,
53 rules, and regulations governing the holders of a fishing
54 license or permit and all other conditions and limitations
55 regulating the taking of freshwater or saltwater fish as are
56 imposed by law or rule.

57 Section 3. Paragraph (a) of subsection (2) of section
58 379.372, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

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59 379.372 Capturing, keeping, possessing, transporting, or
60 exhibiting venomous reptiles, reptiles of concern, conditional
61 reptiles, or prohibited reptiles; license required.—

62 (2) (a) A ~~No~~ person, party, firm, association, or
63 corporation may not shall keep, possess, import into the state,
64 sell, barter, trade, or breed the following species except for
65 educational or research purposes ~~personal use or for sale for~~
66 ~~personal use~~:

- 67 1. Burmese or Indian python (*Python molurus*).
- 68 2. Reticulated python (*Python reticulatus*).
- 69 3. Northern African python (*Python sebae*).
- 70 4. Southern African python (*Python natalensis*).
- 71 5. Amethystine or scrub python (*Morelia amethystinus*).
- 72 6. Green Anaconda (*Eunectes murinus*).
- 73 7. Nile monitor (*Varanus niloticus*).
- 74 8. Green iguana (*Iguana iguana*).
- 75 9. Tegu lizard (any species of the genera *Salvator* or

76 *Tupinambis*).

77 10. Any other reptile designated as a conditional or
78 prohibited species by the commission.

79 Section 4. For the purpose of incorporating the amendment
80 made by this act to section 379.372, Florida Statutes, in a
81 reference thereto, subsection (1) of section 379.2311, Florida
82 Statutes, is reenacted to read:

83 379.2311 Nonnative animal management.—

84 (1) As used in this section, the term "priority invasive
85 species" means the following:

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

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88 (b) Species identified in s. 379.372(2)(a);
89 (c) *Pterois volitans*, also known as red lionfish; and
90 (d) *Pterois miles*, also known as the common lionfish or
91 devil firefish.
92 Section 5. This act shall take effect July 1, 2020.