

By the Committees on Agriculture; and 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, research, or eradication or  
 14      control purposes; including green iguanas and species  
 15      of the genera *Salvator* and *Tupinambis* in such  
 16      prohibition; reenacting s. 379.2311(1), F.S., relating  
 17      to the definition of the term "priority invasive  
 18      species," to incorporate the amendment made to s.  
 19      379.372, F.S., in a reference thereto; providing an  
 20      effective date.

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

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

26       379.105 Harassment of hunters, trappers, or fishers.—

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

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30 ~~state-owned water body:~~

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

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

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

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

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

58 Section 3. Paragraph (a) of subsection (2) of section

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59 379.372, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

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

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

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

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

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

84 379.2311 Nonnative animal management.—

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

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

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88 lizards;

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

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

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

93 Section 5. This act shall take effect July 1, 2020.