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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; providing that certain persons, firms, or
17 corporations may continue to exhibit, sell, or breed
18 green iguanas or tegu lizards commercially under
19 certain circumstances; requiring such green iguanas or
20 tegu lizards to be sold outside of this state;
21 prohibiting the import of green iguanas or tegu
22 lizards; requiring the commission to adopt rules that
23 meet certain requirements; reenacting s. 379.2311(1),
24 F.S., relating to the definition of the term "priority
25 invasive species," to incorporate the amendment made
26 to s. 379.372, F.S., in a reference thereto; providing
27 an effective date.

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

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

379.105 Harassment of hunters, trappers, or fishers.—

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

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

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

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

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

(15) FREE FISHING DAYS.—The commission may designate by rule no more than 6 ~~4~~ consecutive or nonconsecutive days in each year as free freshwater fishing days and no more than 6 ~~4~~ consecutive or nonconsecutive days in each year as free saltwater fishing days. Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, a ~~any~~ person may take freshwater fish for noncommercial purposes on a free freshwater fishing day and may take saltwater fish for noncommercial purposes on a free saltwater fishing day, without obtaining or possessing a license or permit or paying a license or permit fee as set forth

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59 ~~prescribed~~ in this section. A person who takes freshwater or
60 saltwater fish on a free fishing day must comply with all laws,
61 rules, and regulations governing the holders of a fishing
62 license or permit and all other conditions and limitations
63 regulating the taking of freshwater or saltwater fish as are
64 imposed by law or rule.

65 Section 3. Present paragraphs (b) through (e) of subsection
66 (2) of section 379.372, Florida Statutes, are redesignated as
67 paragraphs (c) through (f), respectively, a new paragraph (b) is
68 added to that subsection, and paragraph (a) of that subsection
69 is amended, to read:

70 379.372 Capturing, keeping, possessing, transporting, or
71 exhibiting venomous reptiles, reptiles of concern, conditional
72 reptiles, or prohibited reptiles; license required.—

73 (2) (a) A ~~Ne~~ person, party, firm, association, or
74 corporation may not shall keep, possess, import into the state,
75 sell, barter, trade, or breed the following species except for
76 educational, research, or eradication or control purposes
77 ~~personal use or for sale for personal use:~~

- 78 1. Burmese or Indian python (*Python molurus*).
- 79 2. Reticulated python (*Python reticulatus*).
- 80 3. Northern African python (*Python sebae*).
- 81 4. Southern African python (*Python natalensis*).
- 82 5. Amethystine or scrub python (*Morelia amethystinus*).
- 83 6. Green Anaconda (*Eunectes murinus*).
- 84 7. Nile monitor (*Varanus niloticus*).
- 85 8. Green iguana (*Iguana iguana*).
- 86 9. Tegu lizard (any species of the genera *Salvator* or
87 *Tupinambis*).

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88 10. Any other reptile designated as a conditional or
89 prohibited species by the commission.

90 (b) If a person, firm, or corporation holds a valid captive
91 wildlife class III exhibition or sale license on January 1,
92 2020, and documented an inventory of green iguanas or tegu
93 lizards on his or her or its 2019 application, the commission
94 may grandfather that person, firm, or corporation so as to allow
95 them to continue to exhibit, sell, or breed green iguanas or
96 tegu lizards commercially for as long as the license remains
97 active. Such status is void upon any license transfer or lapse.
98 The person, firm, or corporation may only sell such inventory of
99 green iguanas or tegu lizards outside of this state and may not
100 import the species into this state. The commission shall adopt
101 rules that address all of the following:

102 1. Reporting requirements.

103 2. Biosecurity measures to prevent escape of these species.

104 3. Any necessary grandfathering provisions for those
105 persons presently in possession of either a green iguana or a
106 tegu lizard who do not meet the grandfathering provisions of
107 this paragraph.

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

112 379.2311 Nonnative animal management.—

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

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

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