

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 reptiles
13 except for educational, research, eradication, or
14 control purposes; designating green iguanas and tegu
15 lizards as prohibited reptiles; authorizing certain
16 persons and entities to exhibit, sell, or breed green
17 iguanas and tegu lizards commercially under specified
18 conditions; requiring the commission to adopt rules;
19 reenacting s. 379.2311(1), F.S., relating to the
20 definition of the term "priority invasive species," to
21 incorporate the amendment made to s. 379.372, F.S., in
22 a reference thereto; providing an effective date.

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24 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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26 Section 1. Subsection (1) of section 379.105, Florida
 27 Statutes, is amended to read:

28 379.105 Harassment of hunters, trappers, or fishers.—

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

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

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

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

42 379.354 Recreational licenses, permits, and authorization
 43 numbers; fees established.—

44 (15) FREE FISHING DAYS.—The commission may designate by
 45 rule no more than 6 ~~4~~ consecutive or nonconsecutive days in each
 46 year as free freshwater fishing days and no more than 6 ~~4~~
 47 consecutive or nonconsecutive days in each year as free
 48 saltwater fishing days. Notwithstanding any other provision of
 49 this chapter, a ~~any~~ person may take freshwater fish for
 50 noncommercial purposes on a free freshwater fishing day and may

51 take saltwater fish for noncommercial purposes on a free
 52 saltwater fishing day, without obtaining or possessing a license
 53 or permit or paying a license or permit fee as set forth
 54 ~~prescribed~~ in this section. A person who takes freshwater or
 55 saltwater fish on a free fishing day must comply with all laws,
 56 rules, and regulations governing the holders of a fishing
 57 license or permit and all other conditions and limitations
 58 regulating the taking of freshwater or saltwater fish as are
 59 imposed by law or rule.

60 Section 3. Paragraph (a) of subsection (2) of section
 61 379.372, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

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

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

- 70 1. Burmese or Indian python (*Python molurus*).
- 71 2. Reticulated python (*Python reticulatus*).
- 72 3. Northern African python (*Python sebae*).
- 73 4. Southern African python (*Python natalensis*).
- 74 5. Amethystine or scrub python (*Morelia amethystinus*).
- 75 6. Green Anaconda (*Eunectes murinus*).

76 7. Nile monitor (*Varanus niloticus*).

77 8. Green iguana (*Iguana iguana*).

78 9. Tegu lizard (any species of the genera *Salvator* or
 79 *Tupinambis*).

80 ~~10.8.~~ Any other reptile designated as a conditional or
 81 prohibited species by the commission.

82 (b)1. A person, party, firm, association, or corporation
 83 who had a documented inventory of green iguanas or tegu lizards
 84 on an application for a Class III captive wildlife exhibition or
 85 sale license in 2019 and held such license on January 1, 2020,
 86 may continue to exhibit, sell, or breed green iguanas and tegu
 87 lizards commercially for as long as the license remains active.
 88 Any inventory of green iguanas or tegu lizards must be sold
 89 outside the state and a licensee may not import such species
 90 into the state. The grandfather status under this paragraph is
 91 void upon transfer or lapse of such license.

92 2. The commission shall adopt rules for the following:

93 a. Reporting requirements for the possession, exhibition,
 94 and sale of green iguanas and tegu lizards;

95 b. Biosecurity measures to prevent the escape of green
 96 iguanas or tegu lizards; and

97 c. Any necessary grandfather provisions for a person who
 98 currently possesses a green iguana or tegu lizard but does not
 99 meet the criteria of subparagraph (b)1.

100 Section 4. For the purpose of incorporating the amendment

101 made by this act to section 379.372, Florida Statutes, in a
102 reference thereto, subsection (1) of section 379.2311, Florida
103 Statutes, is reenacted to read:

104 379.2311 Nonnative animal management.—

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

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

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

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

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

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