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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Senate	.	House
Comm: RCS	.	
03/31/2021	.	
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The Committee on Rules (Boyd) recommended the following:

**Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

Delete everything after the enacting clause  
and insert:

Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subsection (2) and paragraph  
(a) of subsection (5) of section 597.004, Florida Statutes, are  
amended to read:

597.004 Aquaculture certificate of registration.—

(2) RULES.—

(a) The department, in consultation with the Department of  
Environmental Protection, the water management districts,



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12 environmental groups, and representatives from the affected  
13 farming groups, shall adopt rules to:

14 1. Specify the requirement of best management practices to  
15 be implemented by holders of aquaculture certificates of  
16 registration.

17 2. Establish procedures for holders of aquaculture  
18 certificates of registration to submit the notice of intent to  
19 comply with best management practices.

20 3. Establish schedules for implementation of best  
21 management practices, and of interim measures that can be taken  
22 prior to adoption of best management practices. Interim measures  
23 may include the continuation of regulatory requirements in  
24 effect on June 30, 1998.

25 4. Establish a system to assure the implementation of best  
26 management practices, including recordkeeping requirements.

27 5. Require any facility that cultures *Micropterus salmoides*  
28 *floridanus* to maintain stock acquisition documentation or  
29 records of genetic testing.

30 (5) SALE OF AQUACULTURE PRODUCTS.—

31 (a) Aquaculture products, except shellfish, snook, and any  
32 fish of the genus *Micropterus*, excluding *Micropterus salmoides*  
33 *floridanus*, and prohibited and restricted freshwater and marine  
34 species identified by rules of the Fish and Wildlife  
35 Conservation Commission, may be sold by an aquaculture producer  
36 certified pursuant to this section or by a dealer licensed  
37 pursuant to part VII of chapter 379 without restriction so long  
38 as the product origin can be identified.

39 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2021.  
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42 And the title is amended as follows:

43 Delete everything before the enacting clause

44 and insert:

45 A bill to be entitled

46 An act relating to largemouth bass; amending s.

47 597.004, F.S.; requiring the Department of Agriculture

48 and Consumer Services, in consultation with specified

49 entities, to adopt a rule requiring certain facilities

50 to maintain stock acquisition documentation or records

51 of genetic testing related to Florida largemouth bass;

52 authorizing the sale of Florida largemouth bass as

53 food fish under certain circumstances; providing an

54 effective date.