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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to the sale of aquaculture products;
3 amending s. 597.004, F.S.; authorizing certified
4 aquaculture producers and certain licensed dealers to
5 sell largemouth bass without restriction under certain
6 circumstances; making technical changes; providing an
7 effective date.

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

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11 Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subsection (5) of section
12 597.004, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

13 597.004 Aquaculture certificate of registration.—

14 (5) SALE OF AQUACULTURE PRODUCTS.—

15 (a) An aquaculture producer certified pursuant to this
16 section or a dealer licensed pursuant to part VII of chapter 379
17 may sell aquaculture products, except shellfish; ~~snook;~~ ~~and~~
18 any fish of the genus *Micropterus*, excluding the species
19 *Micropterus salmoides* (largemouth bass) and the subspecies and
20 hybrids thereof; and prohibited and restricted freshwater and
21 marine species identified by rules of the Fish and Wildlife
22 Conservation Commission, ~~may be sold by an aquaculture producer~~
23 ~~certified pursuant to this section or by a dealer licensed~~
24 ~~pursuant to part VII of chapter 379~~ without restriction so long
25 as the product origin can be identified.

26 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2021.