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A bill to be entitled
An act relating to largemouth bass; amending s.
597.004, F.S.; providing for the sale of largemouth
bass as food fish; providing an effective date.

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

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

597.004 Aquaculture certificate of registration.—

(5) SALE OF AQUACULTURE PRODUCTS.—

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

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