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The Committee on Fiscal Policy (Simon) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete lines 20 - 37
and insert:
of person or certain property.-

(1) A person is not subject to any administrative, civil, or criminal penalty for taking a bear with lethal force if:

(a) The person reasonably believed that his or her action was necessary to avoid an imminent threat of death or serious bodily injury to himself or herself or to another, an imminent



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11 threat of death or serious bodily injury to a pet, or
12 substantial damage to a dwelling as defined in s. 776.013(5);

13 (b) The person did not lure the bear with food or
14 attractants for an illegal purpose, including, but not limited
15 to, training dogs to hunt bears;

16 (c) The person did not intentionally or recklessly place
17 himself or herself or a pet in a situation in which he or she
18 would be likely to need to use lethal force as described in
19 paragraph (a); and

20 (d) The person notified the commission within 24 hours
21 after he or she used lethal force to take the bear.

22 (2) A bear taken under this section must be disposed of by
23 the commission. A person who takes a bear under this section may
24 not possess, sell, or dispose of the bear or its parts.

25 (3) The commission shall adopt rules to implement this
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27 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

28 And the title is amended as follows:

29 Delete lines 4 - 10

30 and insert:

31 taking of bears without certain penalties under
32 specified conditions; requiring the disposal of such
33 bears by the Fish and Wildlife Conservation
34 Commission; prohibiting certain possession, sale, and
35 disposal of such bears or their parts; requiring the