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A bill to be entitled
An act relating to police powers of the Fish and
Wildlife Conservation Commission; amending s.
379.3311, F.S.; specifying the conditions under which
commission officers and other commission personnel may
enter private property; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Subsection (1) and paragraph (a) of subsection (2) of section 379.3311, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

379.3311 Police powers of commission and its agents.—

(1) The commission, the executive director and the

executive director's assistants designated by her or him, and each commission officer are constituted peace officers with the power to make arrests for violations of the laws of this state when committed in the presence of the officer or when committed on lands under the supervision and management of the commission, the department, the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund, or the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, including state parks, coastal and aquatic managed areas, and greenways and trails. The general laws applicable to arrests by peace officers of this state shall also be applicable to such director, assistants, and commission officers. Such persons may enter upon any land or waters of the

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26 state in the same manner and subject to the same requirements as
27 a law enforcement officer, as defined in s. 943.10(1), for
28 performance of their lawful duties and may take with them any
29 necessary equipment, and such entry does not constitute a
30 trespass.

31 (2) Such officers may enforce throughout the state all
32 laws relating to game, nongame birds, fish, and fur-bearing
33 animals and all rules and regulations of the commission relating
34 to wild animal life, marine life, and freshwater aquatic life,
35 and in connection with such laws, rules, and regulations, in the
36 enforcement thereof and in the performance of their duties
37 thereunder, to:

38 (a) Go upon all premises in the same manner and subject to
39 the same requirements as a law enforcement officer, as defined
40 in s. 943.10(1), posted or otherwise;

41 **Section 2.** This act shall take effect July 1, 2026.