By Senator Saunders

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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to wildlife; amending s. 372.667, F.S.; prohibiting the feeding or enticement of alligators or crocodiles; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Section 372.667, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

372.667 Feeding or enticement of alligators or crocodiles unlawful; penalty.--

(1) A ~~No~~ person may not ~~shall intentionally~~ feed, or entice with feed, any wild American alligator (Alligator mississippiensis) or American crocodile (Crocodylus acutus). However, ~~the provisions of~~ this section does ~~shall~~ not apply to:

(a) Those persons feeding alligators or crocodiles maintained in protected captivity for educational, scientific, commercial, or recreational purposes.

(b) Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission personnel, persons licensed or otherwise authorized by the commission, or county or municipal animal control personnel when relocating alligators or crocodiles by baiting or enticement.

(2) As used in ~~For the purposes of~~ this section, the term "maintained in protected captivity" means held in captivity under a permit issued by the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission pursuant to s. 372.921 or s. 372.922.

(3) Any person who violates this section commits a Level Two violation under s. 372.83.

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Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.

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SENATE SUMMARY

Prohibits the feeding or enticement of alligators or crocodiles.

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