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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to fish and wildlife activities;
3 amending s. 379.105, F.S.; prohibiting certain
4 harassment of hunters, trappers, and fishers within or
5 on public lands or publicly or privately owned
6 wildlife and fish management areas, or in or on public
7 waters; amending s. 379.354, F.S.; authorizing the
8 Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission to designate
9 additional annual free freshwater and saltwater
10 fishing days; amending s. 379.372, F.S.; prohibiting
11 the keeping, possessing, importing, selling,
12 bartering, trading, or breeding of certain species
13 except for educational or research purposes; providing
14 an effective date.

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

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18 Section 1. Subsection (1) of section 379.105, Florida
19 Statutes, is amended to read:

20 379.105 Harassment of hunters, trappers, or fishers.—

21 (1) A person may not intentionally, within or on any public
22 lands or a publicly or privately owned wildlife management and
23 or fish management areas, area or in or on any public waters
24 ~~state-owned water body~~:

25 (a) Interfere with or attempt to prevent the lawful taking
26 of fish, game, or nongame animals by another within or on such
27 lands or areas, or in or on such waters.

28 (b) Attempt to disturb fish, game, or nongame animals or
29 attempt to affect their behavior with the intent to prevent

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30 their lawful taking by another within or on such lands or areas,
31 or in or on such waters.

32 Section 2. Subsection (15) of section 379.354, Florida
33 Statutes, is amended to read:

34 379.354 Recreational licenses, permits, and authorization
35 numbers; fees established.—

36 (15) FREE FISHING DAYS.—The commission may designate by
37 rule no more than 6 4 consecutive or nonconsecutive days in each
38 year as free freshwater fishing days and no more than 6 4
39 consecutive or nonconsecutive days in each year as free
40 saltwater fishing days. Notwithstanding any other provision of
41 this chapter, a any person may take freshwater fish for
42 noncommercial purposes on a free freshwater fishing day and may
43 take saltwater fish for noncommercial purposes on a free
44 saltwater fishing day, without obtaining or possessing a license
45 or permit or paying a license or permit fee as set forth
46 ~~prescribed~~ in this section. A person who takes freshwater or
47 saltwater fish on a free fishing day must comply with all laws,
48 rules, and regulations governing the holders of a fishing
49 license or permit and all other conditions and limitations
50 regulating the taking of freshwater or saltwater fish as are
51 imposed by law or rule.

52 Section 3. Paragraph (a) of subsection (2) of section
53 379.372, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

54 379.372 Capturing, keeping, possessing, transporting, or
55 exhibiting venomous reptiles, reptiles of concern, conditional
56 reptiles, or prohibited reptiles; license required.—

57 (2) (a) A ~~No~~ person, party, firm, association, or
58 corporation may not ~~shall~~ keep, possess, import into the state,

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59 sell, barter, trade, or breed the following species except for
60 educational or research purposes ~~personal use or for sale for~~
61 ~~personal use~~:

- 62 1. Burmese or Indian python (*Python molurus*).
- 63 2. Reticulated python (*Python reticulatus*).
- 64 3. Northern African python (*Python sebae*).
- 65 4. Southern African python (*Python natalensis*).
- 66 5. Amethystine or scrub python (*Morelia amethystinus*).
- 67 6. Green Anaconda (*Eunectes murinus*).
- 68 7. Nile monitor (*Varanus niloticus*).
- 69 8. Green iguana (*Iguana iguana*).
- 70 9. Black and white tegu (*Salvator merianae*).
- 71 10. Any other reptile designated as a conditional or
72 prohibited species by the commission.

73 Section 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2020.