

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to illegal taking and possession of
3 bears; creating s. 379.4041, F.S.; prohibiting certain
4 taking and possession of bears; providing penalties;
5 providing an effective date.

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

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9 Section 1. Section 379.4041, Florida Statutes, is created
10 to read:

11 379.4041 Illegal taking and possession of bears.—A person
12 who takes a bear or possesses a freshly killed bear during the
13 closed season prescribed by law or rules of the commission
14 commits a Level Three violation under s. 379.401 and forfeits
15 any license or permit issued to him or her under this chapter
16 for 3 years after the date of the violation. A person who
17 commits a subsequent offense of such taking or possession is
18 permanently ineligible for issuance of any license or permit
19 under this chapter. A person who possesses for sale or sells a
20 bear taken in violation of this section or rules of the
21 commission commits a Level Four violation under s. 379.401.

22 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2020.