

DRAFTER'S NOTE
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This draft replaces, and is identical to, 2007 LRB-0689/2.

As requested, this draft creates a new exception to the prohibited activities specified in the bill. This redraft creates an exemption for a person who, while fishing, inadvertently catches a fish that is of an invasive fish species. The bill also clarifies that the prohibitions in the bill apply only if a person knows, or should know, that the prohibited activity concerns fish that is of an invasive fish species.

This version of the bill also adds some other exceptions. The bill exempts from the prohibitions a person who holds a permit to import fish under s. 29.735; a person who holds a permit to introduce, plant, or stock fish under s. 29.736; a person who operates a fish farm under s. 95.60; or a state or municipal fish hatchery. I don't know if any of these operations would ordinarily include fish that are of an invasive fish species but I thought it would be advisable to exempt them in this redraft. If you do not want to include these additional exemptions, please let me know and I will redraft accordingly.

If you have any questions with regard to this draft, please feel free to contact me.

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