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KENTUCKY GENERAL ASSEMBLY AMENDMENT FORM  
2026 REGULAR SESSION

Amend printed copy of **SB 39**

Beginning on page 1, line 24, and continuing to page 2, line 12, delete subsection (5) in its entirety and insert in lieu thereof the following:

**"(5) (a) The resident owner of farmland or his or her spouse or dependent children shall not be subject to any limits or restrictions established in this chapter or the administrative regulations promulgated thereunder for creel, possession, size, or method of take for the fish in the farmland owner's private lake or pond. The resident farmland owner may extend the same rights conferred in this subsection relating to fishing in private lakes or ponds located on his or her lands to any tenants or their dependent children. The rights extended by this subsection shall not apply to farmland owned by a business, corporation, or partnership unless the shareholders, partners, members, or owners are composed solely of an immediate family who farm the land.**

**(b) Except for restrictions on the stocking of invasive fish, a bona fide owner of farmland shall not be subject to any state requirements regarding the stocking of private lakes or ponds located on the farmland owner's property.**

**(c) With respect to the stocking of private lakes and ponds:**

**1. All largemouth bass (*Micropterus nigricans*), except for Alabama bass (*Micropterus henshalli*), shall not be considered invasive species unless**

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Rep. Sen. Robin L. Webb

Committee Amendment

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

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deemed invasive by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service or otherwise by federal law; and

2. There shall be no restriction on the stocking of first filial (F1) largemouth bass.
- (d) Fish taken using a right or privilege conferred by this subsection shall not be transported off of the private farmland, live or dead, without documentation authenticating that the fish was taken according to the requirements of this subsection, including but not limited to a bill of sale for the fish from when the private lake or pond was stocked.
- (e) As used in this subsection, "private lake or pond" means a lake or pond that is:
  1. Twenty (20) acres or less;
  2. Located entirely within the private farmland of the owner;
  3. Not connected by surface water to any public waters;
  4. Not accessible to fish from other bodies of water; and
  5. A body of water from which fish cannot escape.".