

2019 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 123

BY REPRESENTATIVES HILL AND BOURRIAQUE

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

PUBLIC RECORDS: Exempts from the Public Records Law information relative to certain activities associated with stocking and breeding of alligators

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 44:4(45), relative to exemptions from the Public Records Law;  
3 to exempt information relative to certain activities associated with stocking and  
4 breeding of alligators; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 44:4(45) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

7 §4. Applicability

8 This Chapter shall not apply:

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10 (45) To records, data, writings, accounts, reports, letters, exhibits, pictures,  
11 photographs, drawings, charts, maps, or copies thereof, whether written or oral,  
12 received from any person by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, which pertain  
13 to or in any way involve information relative to activities associated with the egg  
14 collection, stocking, captive breeding, or farming inventory of alligators, or shipment  
15 of alligators or alligator skins domestically, nationally, or internationally; however,  
16 aggregate, statistical reports that do not reveal, directly or by inference, the identity  
17 of the individual source of the information compiled by the Department of Wildlife  
18 and Fisheries may be released to the public by the secretary of the department.

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**DIGEST**

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**Abstract:** Exempts from the Public Records Law information relative to certain activities associated with the stocking and breeding of alligators.

Present law provides for an exemption from the Public Records Law information received by the Dept. of Wildlife and Fisheries related to shipment of alligator or alligator skins. Provides that aggregate statistical reports that do not reveal individual sources of information may be released to the public by the department.

Proposed law additionally exempts from the Public Records Law information related to activities associated with the egg collection, stocking, captive breeding, or farming inventory of alligators. Retains the ability for the department to release aggregate statistical reports that do not reveal individual sources of information.

(Amends R.S. 44:4(45))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs to the original bill:

1. Make technical correction to a reference to the Public Records Law.