

HOUSE SUMMARY OF SENATE AMENDMENTS

House Bill No. 795 by Representative Triche

WILDLIFE & FISHERIES: Requires the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to control importation and ownership of big exotic cats

Synopsis of Senate Amendments

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Adds "other animals" to "quadrupeds, birds, or fish" as being subject to forfeiture for certain violations. |
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Digest of Bill as Finally Passed by Senate

Proposed law requires the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to promulgate rules and regulations to control the importation and possession of big exotic cats. Authorizes exceptions for cats traditionally kept by colleges and universities as mascots, animal sanctuaries, zoos, research centers, scientific organizations, and medical research facilities. Provides for permits for owners who could prove previous ownership.

Provides that violations of the rules are class two violations punishable as follows:

1st offense	\$100 - \$350	or	imprisonment not more than 60 days, or both
2nd offense	\$300 - \$550	&	imprisonment between 30 and 60 days
3rd +	\$500 - \$750	&	imprisonment between 60 and 90 days, and forfeiture

Present law provides that certain violators upon conviction are subject to the forfeiture of any quadrupeds, birds, or fish seized in connection with the violation. Proposed law adds "other animals" to "quadrupeds, birds, or fish" as being subject to forfeiture for certain violations.

(Amends R.S. 56:39(A); Adds R.S. 56:6(31))