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## DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Prohibits the seizure and euthanization of certain wildlife without a contradictory hearing.

Present law provides that La. Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF) may seize any animal or parts thereof, possessed, transported, sold, offered for sale, or purchased contrary to the provisions of this Title.

Proposed law changes present law to seizing any dead animal.

Present law provides that the LDWF can dispose of any live animal seized or surrendered to the department in any manner it deems appropriate.

Proposed law changes present law to prohibit the seizure of any orphaned or injured wildlife possessed pursuant to present law without the issuance of a warrant authorizing the seizure from the district court of the parish where the individual in possession of the sick, injured, or orphaned wildlife resides.

Proposed law further provides that no sick, injured, or orphaned wildlife seized can be euthanized without a contradictory hearing and court order that the animal poses an immediate danger to the public health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of La. and directing that the animal be humanely euthanized.

Present law provides for an injured and orphaned wildlife rehabilitation provisions.

Proposed law retains present law and further provides that present law will have prospective and retroactive application to apply to any animal in the possession of any person regardless of when the animal was initially possessed.

(Amends R.S. 56:56(A)(1) and (B); Adds R.S. 56:126(G) and 126.1)