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HB No. 795

Abstract: Requires the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to control the importation and ownership of big exotic cats.

<u>Proposed law</u> 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

(Adds R.S. 56:6(31))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

Committee Amendments Proposed by <u>House Committee on Natural Resources</u> to the <u>original</u> bill.

1. Provides that violations are class two violations.