2016 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 94

BY REPRESENTATIVE MONTOUCET

WILDLIFE & FISHERIES: Allows the use of monkeys as service animals

| 1 | AN ACT |
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| 2 | To amend and reenact R.S. 56:6(30), relative to the regulation of nonhuman primates; to |
| 3 | authorize the use of such primates as service animals; and to provide for related |
| 4 | matters. |
| 5 | Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana: |
| 6 | Section 1. R.S. 56:6(30) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows: |
| 7 | §6. Special powers and duties; statistics; rules and regulations; reports |
| 8 | The commission, through its secretary: |
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| 10 | (30) Shall promulgate rules and regulations to control the importation and |
| 11 | private possession of nonindigenous constrictors in excess of twelve feet in length, |
| 12 | venomous snakes, and nonhuman primates. The rules shall provide exceptions for |
| 13 | animal sanctuaries, zoos, aquariums, wildlife research centers, scientific |
| 14 | organizations, and medical research facilities, including but not limited to the |
| 15 | University of Louisiana at Lafayette Primate Center and the Tulane National Primate |
| 16 | Research Center. Such rules shall address internet purchase of such animals. Such |
| 17 | rules shall also provide for permits for certain institutions and for owners who can |
| 18 | prove ownership prior to July 1, 2003. Such rules shall also allow nonhuman |

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| 2 | be used as service animals. |

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DIGEST

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Abstract: Allows for the use of nonhuman primates as service animals.

<u>Present law</u> requires the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to promulgate rules regulating the importation and ownership of nonindigenous constrictors in excess of 12 feet in length, venomous snakes, and nonhuman primates. Provides for certain exemptions from the rules.

<u>Proposed law</u> requires that the rules allow nonhuman primates that have been trained to perform tasks to assist people with disabilities to be used as service animals.

(Amends R.S. 56:6(30))