
SENATE BILL No. 280

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 14-22-10.

Synopsis: Exotic animals. Makes it a Class C misdemeanor to release an exotic or wild animal into the wild without legal authorization or a permit issued by the department of natural resources (department), and provides that the fine for unlawfully releasing an exotic or wild animal is at least \$500 and not more than \$2,500. Requires a person in the business of selling exotic reptiles to obtain a permit from the department, and makes it a Class C misdemeanor to sell an exotic reptile without a permit. Requires a person not in the business of selling exotic reptiles to notify the department before selling an exotic reptile, and makes the failure to notify the department a Class C infraction.

Effective: July 1, 2010.

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January 11, 2010, read first time and referred to Committee on Corrections, Criminal, and Civil Matters.

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PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning agriculture and animals.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. IC 14-22-10-12 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
2 CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
3 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2010]: **Sec. 12. (a) As used in this section,**
4 **"exotic animal" means an animal that is:**

- 5 (1) **not native to Indiana; or**
- 6 (2) **extirpated from Indiana and either a:**
 - 7 (A) **wild animal; or**
 - 8 (B) **feral animal other than a dog or cat.**

9 (b) **A person who, without a permit issued by the department,**
10 **or without being otherwise legally authorized, knowingly or**
11 **intentionally releases an exotic animal or a wild animal into the**
12 **wild commits a Class C misdemeanor.**

13 (c) **Notwithstanding the maximum fine under IC 35-50-3-4, the**
14 **court shall order a person convicted under subsection (b) to pay a**
15 **fine of at least five hundred dollars (\$500) and not more than two**
16 **thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500).**

17 SECTION 2. IC 14-22-10-13 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA



1 CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
 2 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2010]: **Sec. 13. (a) As used in this section,**
 3 **"exotic reptile" means a reptile that is:**
 4 **(1) not native to Indiana; or**
 5 **(2) extirpated from Indiana and either a:**
 6 **(A) wild reptile; or**
 7 **(B) feral reptile.**
 8 **(b) As used in this section, "person in the business of selling**
 9 **exotic reptiles" means a person who sells at least six (6) exotic**
 10 **reptiles in one (1) calendar year.**
 11 **(c) A person in the business of selling exotic reptiles who**
 12 **knowingly or intentionally sells, barter, trades, or in any other**
 13 **way transfers possession of an exotic reptile without a permit**
 14 **issued by the department in accordance with this section commits**
 15 **a Class C misdemeanor.**
 16 **(d) A person not in the business of selling exotic reptiles who**
 17 **sells, barter, trades, or in any other way transfers possession of an**
 18 **exotic reptile without notifying the department in accordance with**
 19 **this section commits a Class C infraction.**
 20 **(e) The department shall adopt rules under IC 4-22-2**
 21 **concerning the issuance of an annual permit to sell, barter, trade,**
 22 **or in any other way transfer possession of exotic reptiles by a**
 23 **person in the business of selling exotic reptiles. The fee for a permit**
 24 **described under this subsection may not exceed fifty dollars (\$50)**
 25 **per year.**
 26 **(f) The department shall adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 concerning**
 27 **the manner in which a person not in the business of selling exotic**
 28 **reptiles shall notify the department if the person sells, barter,**
 29 **trades, or in any other way transfers possession of an exotic reptile.**

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