

House Bill 1451

By: Representatives McLaurin of the 51st and Gilligan of the 24th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 27-5-5 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to wild
2 animals for which a license or permit is required, so as to exempt the African pygmy
3 hedgehog from wild animal license and permit requirements if certain conditions are met;
4 to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 1.**

7 Code Section 27-5-5 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to wild animals for
8 which a license or permit is required, is amended by revising paragraph (1) of subsection (b)
9 as follows:

10 "(b) Except as provided in this Code section, a license or permit is required for the
11 following wild animals and any others specified by regulation of the board:

12 (1) Class Mammalia:

13 (A) Order Marsupialia — All species other than those listed in subparagraph (a)(1)(A)
14 of this Code section; except that *Petaurus breviceps* (sugar glider) may be sold,
15 purchased, exhibited, or held as a pet without a license or permit if the owner thereof

- 16 possesses valid documentation that the animal originated from a source inspected and
17 regulated by the United States Department of Agriculture;
- 18 (B) Order ~~Insectivora~~ Eulipotyphla (shrews, moles, hedgehogs, etc.) — All species,
19 except that an African pygmy hedgehog (*Atelerix albiventris*) may be sold, purchased,
20 exhibited, or held as a pet without a license or permit; provided, however, that such
21 hedgehog owner shall provide valid documentation that the hedgehog was sexually
22 neutered prior to two months of age and is vaccinated against rabies with a properly
23 administered vaccine approved for use on hedgehogs by the United States Department
24 of Agriculture;
- 25 (C) Order Dermoptera (flying lemurs) — All species;
- 26 (D) Order Chiroptera (bats) — All species;
- 27 (E) Order Primates (monkeys, apes, etc.) — All species except Family Hominidae;
- 28 (F) Order Edentata (sloths, armadillos, etc.) — All species;
- 29 (G) Order Pholidota (pangolins or scaly anteaters) — All species;
- 30 (H) Order Lagomorpha (rabbits, hares, etc.) — All species except Genus *Oryctolagus*;
31 or any other normally domesticated species;
- 32 (I) Order Rodentia (rats, mice, etc.) — All species except Genus *Cavia*; Genus
33 *Gerbillus*; Genus *Mesocricetus*; *Mus musculus*; *Rattus rattus*; *Rattus norvegicus*; or
34 any other normally domesticated species;
- 35 (J) Order Cetacea (whales, dolphins, etc.) — All species;
- 36 (K) Order Carnivora (weasels, ferrets, cats, bears, wolves, etc.) — All species, except
37 that a European ferret (*Mustela putorius furo*) may be sold, purchased, exhibited, or
38 held as a pet without a license or permit; provided, however, that the ferret owner can
39 provide valid documentation that the ferret was sexually neutered prior to seven months
40 of age and is vaccinated against rabies with a properly administered vaccine approved
41 for use on ferrets by the United States Department of Agriculture;
- 42 (L) Order Tubulidentata (aardvark) — All species;

- 43 (M) Order Proboscidea (elephants) — All species;
44 (N) Order Hyracoidea (conies) — All species;
45 (O) Order Sirenia (manatees, dugong) — All species;
46 (P) Order Perissodactyla (odd-toed ungulates) — All species;
47 (Q) Order Artiodactyla (even-toed ungulates) - All species except Bison bison
48 (buffalo), Bubalus bubalis (water buffalo), and Llama guanicoe, L. glama, and L. pacos
49 (llamas);”

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SECTION 2.

51 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.