Regular Session, 2010

HOUSE BILL NO. 1354

BY REPRESENTATIVE HILL AND SENATOR SMITH

ENROLLED

ACT No. 855

1	AN ACT
2	To amend and reenact R.S. 56:632(A), 632.5(A), and 632.7 and to enact R.S. 56:632.5.1,
3	relative to the reptile and amphibian wholesale/retail dealer's license; to require such
4	license for a person to possess or sell certain nonindigenous or poisonous snakes or
5	constrictors; and to provide for related matters.
6	Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
7	Section 1. R.S. 56:632(A), 632.5(A), and 632.7 are hereby amended and reenacted
8	and R.S. 56:632.5.1 is hereby enacted to read as follows:
9	§632. Powers and duties
10	A. The secretary shall have the authority to prohibit the commercial harvest
11	or importation of any species of reptile or amphibian, provided that such a decision
12	is based on accurate biological data or other technical information that indicated such
13	species would interfere with the state's natural ecosystem.
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15	§632.5. Reptile and amphibian wholesale/retail dealer's license; nonresident three-
16	day license
17	A. All persons engaged in the buying, acquiring, or the handling by any
18	means any species of native reptile or amphibian in Louisiana for resale, or any
19	person engaged in the shipping or transporting of any native reptile or amphibian
20	either into or out of the state of Louisiana, must Any person buying, acquiring, or
21	handling, from any person, by any means whatsoever, or for propagation for sale,
22	any live species of native reptile or amphibian, except farm raised aquatic
23	chelonians, or any live species of poisonous snake or constrictor, as delineated in
24	R.S. 56:632.5.1, in Louisiana, from within or outside the state, for sale, or resale,

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1	whether on a commission basis or otherwise, is a wholesale/retail reptile amphibian
2	dealer and shall possess a reptile and amphibian wholesale/retail dealer's license at
3	a cost of one hundred five dollars for a resident and four hundred five dollars for a
4	nonresident.
5	* * *
6	§632.5.1. Constrictors and poisonous snakes
7	A. The importation or private possession of constrictor snakes in excess of
8	eight feet long, including but not limited to the following species: Apodora papuana
9	(Papuan python), Liasis olivacea, (Olive python), Morelia spilota (Carpet or
10	Diamond python), Morelia kinghorni (Scrub python), Morelia amethystine
11	(Amethystine python), Python natalensis (Southern African python), Python sebae
12	(African Rock python), Python molurus (Indian or Burmese python), Python
13	reticulatus (Reticulate python), any species of the genus Boa (Boa constrictors), and
14	any species of the genus Eunectes (Anacondas), obtained in any manner, shall be
15	only by permit issued by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries except for animals
16	kept by animal sanctuaries, zoos, aquariums, wildlife research centers, scientific
17	organizations, and medical research facilities as defined in the Animal Welfare Act
18	as found in the United States Code Title 7, Chapter 54, 2132(e).
19	B. The importation or private possession of venomous snakes, including any
20	species under current taxonomic standing recognized to belong to the Families
21	Viperidae (Pitvipers and Vipers), Elapidae (Cobras and Mambas), Hydrophiidae (Sea
22	Snakes), Atractaspididae (Mole Vipers), as well as the genera Dispholidus,
23	Thelotornis, and Rhabdophis of the Family Colubridae obtained in any manner, shall
24	be only by permit issued by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries except for
25	animals kept by animal sanctuaries, zoos, aquariums, wildlife research centers,
26	scientific organizations, and medical research facilities as defined in the Animal
27	Welfare Act as found in the United States Code Title 7, Chapter 54, 2132(e).
28	C. The Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission is authorized to adopt
29	rules and regulations for the harvest, possession, sale, handling, housing, or
30	importation for species of constrictors and poisonous snakes.

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1	D. Violation of the provisions of this Section or rules adopted pursuant
2	thereto shall constitute a class three violation as provided for in R.S. 56:33.
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4	§632.7. License fee dedication
5	All funds derived from the sale of reptile and amphibian collector's licenses
6	and reptile and amphibian wholesale/retail dealer's licenses shall be placed in the
7	Conservation Fund in accordance with R.S. 56:10. and shall be used by the
8	department exclusively for administering and enforcing the provisions of this
9	Subpart or for other such purposes as may be determined by the department.
10	Section 2. The provisions of this Act shall be applicable to license years beginning
11	November 15, 2010, and thereafter.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____