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HOUSE BILL NO. 570

BY REPRESENTATIVE MONTOUCET

HUNTING/ALLIGATORS: Requires certain information relative to shipments of alligator parts or skins and exempts from the Public Records Act certain records held by the Dept. of Wildlife and Fisheries relative to specific shipments of alligator parts or skins

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 56:253(C)(1) and to enact R.S. 44:4(45), relative to shipping  
3 alligator parts and skins; provides that the Public Records Law shall not apply to  
4 certain records received and held by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries  
5 relative to the alligator industry; to require certain shipper and receiver information  
6 be attached to alligator parts or skins prior to shipping; and to provide for related  
7 matters.

8 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

9 Section 1. R.S. 44:4(45) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

10 §4. Applicability

11 This Chapter shall not apply:

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13 (45) To records, data, writings, accounts, reports, letters, exhibits, pictures,  
14 photographs, drawings, charts, maps, or copies thereof, whether written or oral,  
15 received from any person by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, which pertain  
16 to or in any way involve information relative to shipment of alligators or alligator  
17 skins domestically, nationally, or internationally; however, aggregate, statistical  
18 reports that do not reveal, directly or by inference, the identity of the individual  
19 source of the information compiled by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries may  
20 be released to the public by the secretary of the department.

1 Section 2. R.S. 56:253(C)(1) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

2 §253. Shipping raw furs, alligators, alligator skins, and alligator parts out of state;  
3 tags

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5 C.(1) Every resident fur dealer, trapper, alligator hunter, alligator farmer,  
6 nonresident fur dealer, or nonresident alligator hunter before shipping raw furs,  
7 alligators, or alligator skins out of the state shall secure from the department, or duly  
8 authorized representative thereof, a tag to be attached to the shipment. The tag shall  
9 be of a distinctive color, bear a serial number and entry headings for information as  
10 to the character of the shipment and ~~as to the consignor and consignee,~~ the name and  
11 address of the specific licensed fur dealer making the shipment, and the specific  
12 name and address of the receiver or purchaser of the shipment, including the location  
13 to which the skins are actually being shipped. The tag shall be filled out at the time  
14 of shipment, and be provided with a detachable stub bearing the same serial number  
15 and entry headings as appear on the body of the tag. The stub shall be filled out with  
16 duplicate information appearing on the body of the tag and returned to the  
17 department at the time of shipment, with the proper amount of severance tax due.

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DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Requires certain information to accompany shipments of alligator parts or skins and exempts from the Public Records Act certain alligator industry information held by the Dept. of Wildlife and Fisheries.

Proposed law exempts from the Public Records Act records, data, writings, accounts, reports, letters, exhibits, pictures, photographs, drawings, charts, maps, or copies of memoranda filed by or received by the Dept. of Wildlife and Fisheries which involves information relative to shipment of alligators or alligator skins. Provides that aggregations of such information that do not reveal the identity of the source of the information remain subject to the Public Records Act.

Present law requires each shipper of alligator parts or skins to attach a tag to each shipment indicating the nature of the shipment and the consignor and consignee.

Proposed law requires the tag to include the name and address of the specific licensed fur dealer making the shipment, and the specific name and address of the receiver or purchaser of the shipment, including the location to which the skins are being shipped.

(Amends R.S. 56:253(C)(1); Adds R.S. 44:4(45))