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House of Representatives, March 5, 2015

An Act Regarding Captive Amphibian and Reptile Permits

Reference to the Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "R. B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative BECK of Waterville.
Cosponsored by Senator CUSHING of Penobscot and
Representatives: HICKMAN of Winthrop, LONGSTAFF of Waterville, SHORT of Pittsfield.

1 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

2 **Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §12152, sub-§2**, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 414, Pt. A, §2 and
3 affected by c. 614, §9, is amended to read:

4 **2. Affected species.** Except as otherwise provided in this Part, this section applies to
5 the possession of any wildlife regulated by the State that is held in captivity and to the
6 importation of wildlife from an area outside the State, including:

7 A. All species listed under state law as threatened or endangered;

8 B. All species other than those listed in ~~paragraph~~ paragraphs A and D not included
9 on a list of unregulated, nonnative species that is maintained by the commissioner to
10 facilitate the issuance of importation permits; ~~and~~

11 C. Species identified in rules adopted by the commissioner; ~~and~~

12 D. The following amphibians and reptiles:

13 (1) Native species of amphibians and reptiles;

14 (2) Dwarf or clawed frogs of the genus Hymenochirus;

15 (3) Snakes of the family Elapidae;

16 (4) Snakes of the family Viperidae;

17 (5) Boomslang, Dispholidus typus;

18 (6) Brown tree snake, Boiga irregularis;

19 (7) Green vine snake, Ahaetulla nasuta;

20 (8) Reticulated python, Python reticulatus;

21 (9) African rock python, Python sebae;

22 (10) Burmese python, Python molurus spp.;

23 (11) Green anaconda, Eunectes murinus;

24 (12) Alligators, Alligatoridae;

25 (13) Crocodiles, Crocodylidae;

26 (14) Red-eared slider, Trachemys scripta elegans;

27 (15) Crocodile monitors, Varanus salvadorii; and

28 (16) Nile monitors, Varanus niloticus.

29 This subsection does not apply to nonnative amphibians or nonnative reptiles unless they
30 are listed in paragraph D.

31 **SUMMARY**

32 This bill generally exempts nonnative amphibians and nonnative reptiles from the law
33 that requires a permit for the possession of wildlife in captivity and the importation of

1 wildlife from outside of the State but provides a list of nonnative amphibian and
2 nonnative reptile species that are still subject to the permitting requirement. It also
3 specifies that all native amphibians and native reptiles are subject to the permitting
4 requirement.