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No. 647

H.P. 456

House of Representatives, February 19, 1991

Reference to the Committee on Fisheries and Wildlife suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ed Pert".

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative DAGGETT of Augusta.

Cosponsored by Senator BUSTIN of Kennebec, Representative TRACY of Rome and Representative HOLT of Bath.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND NINETY-ONE

An Act to Set Standards Relating to Importation Permits for Wildlife.



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

2 Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §7237, as amended by PL 1985, c. 369, §11, is
4 repealed.

6 Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §7237-B is enacted to read:

8 §7237-B. Importation permit for wildlife

10 1. Standards. The commissioner shall develop and adopt by
12 rule a detailed and reasonable set of standards for when a person
14 may introduce or import wildlife into the State and receive or
16 possess wildlife introduced or imported. These standards may be
18 species-specific and must identify objective criteria relevant to
20 the determination of the suitability of any wildlife for
22 importation into this State. These criteria may also establish
24 conditions under which the importation of certain types of
wildlife is permitted and may address how the wildlife is to be
restrained or otherwise controlled or monitored in transport.
These criteria may also address how or whether any permitted
wildlife may be introduced into the wild and how wildlife must be
received or possessed once within the State. If the importation
or introduction of any species is disallowed under the standards,
the standards must set forth reasons why it is disallowed.

26 2. Issuance. The commissioner shall issue a written permit
28 to import wildlife into the State to any person who satisfies the
30 standards set forth in rules adopted by the commissioner. The
32 permit may be conditional or otherwise limited as specified in
34 the permit pursuant to the rules.

STATEMENT OF FACT

36 This bill requires the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and
38 Wildlife to develop and adopt standards for the issuance of
wildlife importation permits.