

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 129th MAINE LEGISLATURE

## SECOND REGULAR SESSION-2020

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S.P. 705

In Senate, January 8, 2020

### **An Act Regarding Permits To Possess Wildlife in Captivity**

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Submitted by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife pursuant to Joint Rule 203.  
Reference to the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife suggested and ordered  
printed.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D M Grant", is positioned above the printed name of the Secretary of the Senate.

DAREK M. GRANT  
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator DILL of Penobscot.

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

**Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §12152, sub-§3-C**, as enacted by PL 2015, c. 374, §7, is amended to read:

**3-C. Issuance for unpermitted wildlife.** The commissioner may issue a permit under this section to a person who possesses wildlife without a permit for which a permit is required if the possession would have been allowed had the person applied for a permit before importing or possessing the wildlife. A person issued a permit under this subsection must pay a fee of \$500 in addition to the applicable application fee and permit fee. A person issued a permit under this subsection may not be charged with a penalty under section 12151. The commissioner may issue a notice of corrective action to a person issued a permit under this subsection informing the person of the requirement to fully comply with application and permit conditions and that failure to comply may result in denial of future permits.

## SUMMARY

This bill amends the law governing the issuance of permits to possess wildlife in captivity to allow the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to issue a notice of corrective action to a person who possesses wildlife in captivity without a permit and who is issued a permit by the commissioner.