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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2012

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RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY -- IMPORTATION OF WILD
ANIMALS

Introduced By: Senators Tassoni, Lynch, Perry, and Pinga

Date Introduced: January 11, 2012

Referred To: Senate Environment & Agriculture

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 4-18-3 of the General Laws in Chapter 4-18 entitled "Importation
2 of Wild Animals" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **4-18-3. Permit required to import wild animals.** -- (a) No person shall import into,
4 receive, or possess in this state without first obtaining a permit from the department, animals of
5 the following orders, families, and genera: primates, carnivores, amphibia, reptilia, canidae, and
6 insecta. The director may by regulation designate additional orders, families, genera, or species
7 requiring a permit to import, receive or possess; or the director may by regulation waive the
8 permit requirement for specific species, orders, families and genera.

9 (b) Any animal care facility accredited by the American zoo and aquarium association
10 (AZA) shall be exempt from this provision, provided, however, the facility provides the state
11 veterinarian with a quarterly summary of any and all animal acquisitions and dispositions.

12 (c) Notwithstanding any provisions of subsections (a) or (b), no person shall be permitted
13 to own any of the following: alligator(s), crocodile(s), python(s), and boa constrictor(s).
14 Ownership shall be punishable by a fine of not less than one thousand dollars (\$1,000).

15 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION
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- 1 This act would prohibit the ownership of alligators, crocodiles, pythons and boa
- 2 constrictors. Ownership shall be punishable by a fine of not less than one thousand dollars.
- 3 This act would take effect upon passage.

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