

Congressman Meek legislation/amendment H.R. 2811 as amended in House Judiciary Committee:

"Section 42(a)(1) of title 18, United States Code, is amended in the first sentence by inserting ` ; of the Burmese Python of the species *Python molurus bivittatus*; of the African Rock Python of the species *Python sebae*' after `polymorpha'."

Proposed amendment:

At the end of the bill, insert:

"Exception:

(x) Interstate shipment or transshipment of species of 'genus *Python*' through a State or jurisdiction for legal purposes

The provisions of this section shall not apply to the interstate shipment or transshipment through Indian country as defined in section 1151 of title 18 or a State of any constrictor snake species of the 'genus *Python*' legally taken if the shipment is en route to a State in which the species may be legally possessed."

Explanation:

Similar language is currently in federal law under USC Title 16, Chapter 53, section 3377(c). The current law is in context of the "Control of Illegally Taken Fish and Wildlife". The above amendment would not affect the current statute, where this is borrowed from.

The amendment above merely uses the existing code as a template and adds this "exemption" to the section of USC related to Lacey Act.