

ARKANSAS GAME AND FISH COMMISSION
Little Rock, Arkansas

MINUTE ORDER NO:	_____	SUBJECT:	Temporary Suspension of Wildlife
DATE PASSED:	June 21, 2018		Importation and Wildlife Breeder /
	_____		Dealer Permits for Venomous or
	_____		Poisonous Wildlife Species
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		LOCATION:	Statewide

WHEREAS, pursuant to authority under Amendment 35 to the Arkansas Constitution for control, management, restoration, conservation, and regulation of the wildlife resources of Arkansas, the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission previously has adopted regulations that restrict the importation, possession, and/or breeding of certain captive wildlife; **and**

WHEREAS, the Commission has charged AGFC staff with studying existing captive wildlife regulations and proposing any amendments or new regulations that may be needed to promote sound wildlife conservation and management consistent with Amendment 35, and staff members currently are investigating whether additional regulations may be needed to restrict importation, possession, and/or breeding of certain wildlife species, including species that are venomous or poisonous, and thereby can pose a substantial threat of injury to humans and/or native wildlife; **and**

WHEREAS, in order to protect public safety, health, and welfare while the Commission is studying its existing captive wildlife regulations and considering proposal of additional or new regulations, the Director and staff recommend that the Commission temporarily suspend issuing any Wildlife Importation Permits (except for accredited members of the American Zoo and Aquarium Association) and/or Wildlife Breeder/Dealer Permits for wildlife species that are venomous or poisonous until further notice; **and**

WHEREAS, after carefully considering the recommendations of Commission staff and the Regulations Committee, the Commission has determined that the proposed permitting suspension promotes sound wildlife conservation and management and is consistent with Amendment 35 of the Arkansas Constitution.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED this 21st day of June 2018, that the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission hereby declares that an emergency exists and adopts a temporary suspension on issuance of any Wildlife Importation Permits (except for accredited members of the American Zoo and Aquarium Association) and/or Wildlife Breeder/Dealer Permits for wildlife species that are venomous or poisonous until further notice.

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED that this emergency order shall become effective immediately upon public filing or as soon thereafter as possible, and remain in effect for a period of one hundred twenty (120) days.

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