



Wild and Exotic Animal State Legislative Summary as of 2/7/2009

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USA STATE LEGISLATION - Year 2009:
http://www.rexano.org/State_locator/DB_State_locator.html

Arizona State: http://www.rexano.org/StatePages/Arizona_Frame.htm

HB 2231: bald eagle; endangered species act

HOUSE FIRST READ: 01/20/09
COMMITTEES: ASSIGNED COMMITTEES ACTION
01/20/09 NRRA
01/20/09 APPROP
01/20/09 RULES
SECOND READ: 01/21/09

Sponsors:

Democrats: Edward Ableser [Dist. 17], Chad Campbell [Dist. 14], Daniel Patterson [Dist. 29], Patricia V. Fleming [Dist 25], Matt Heinz [Dist. 29]

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2. The department shall assist in the management of species of wildlife that are considered to be endangered elsewhere by prohibiting the taking, possession, transportation, exportation, processing, sale or offering for sale or shipment in this state of species of wildlife listed on the United States lists of endangered fish and wildlife, unless those actions will assist in preserving or propagating the species.

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C. Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, it is unlawful for any person to take, possess, transport, ship, export, process, sell or offer for sale any species of wildlife appearing on the list of wildlife native to this state and determined pursuant to this article to be endangered in this state.

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Comments: This bill is very confusing, but it seems it would pretty much ban private possession of endangered animals native to Arizona, and possibly any animals labeled as endangered by ESA (Endangered Species Act).

Connecticut State: (http://www.rexano.org/StatePages/Connecticut_Frame.htm)

SB 632: AN ACT PROHIBITING THE POSSESSION OF LARGE CATS AT PRIVATE RESIDENCES

Sponsor: Introduced by: Sen. Toni Nathaniel Harp, 10th Dist., **Democrat**
Date Action Taken: 1/26/2009 Referred to Joint Committee on Environment

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:
That the general statutes be amended to prohibit the possession of any mammal of the felidae family weighing fifty pounds or more at a private residence.
Statement of Purpose: To prohibit the possession of large cats such as lions, tigers and cougars at a private residence

Comments: This bill is also rather confusing, considering Connecticut already has extremely rigorous regulations in place, and permits are needed to keep many wild and exotic animals (http://www.rexano.org/StatePages/CT_HB6394.pdf).

Seems like the only purpose this bill would serve is to prevent properly permitted and licensed people from keeping their exhibition or education animals in their own residences. This seems to be a zoning issue, and should be addressed locally, if necessary, and not at the state level.

Delaware State: (http://www.rexano.org/StatePages/Delaware_Frame.htm)

Proposed Exotic Animal Permit System

In the fall 2008, Department of Agriculture was taking a public comment on proposed new regulations.

Comments: Delaware animal owners should contact the Acting State Veterinarian, Caroline Hughes, VMD, at Delaware Department of Agriculture, 2320 S. DuPont Highway, Dover, DE 19901 for the latest developments.

Missouri State: (<http://www.rexano.org/StatePages/MissouriFrame.htm>)

HB 426: Establishes the Large Carnivore Act which regulates the ownership, possession, and breeding of large carnivores

Sponsor: Sutherland, Mike (District 99) **Republican**
Cosponsor: Dixon, Bob (District 140) **Republican**
LR Number: 1012L.011 **Last Action:** 01/28/2009
Proposed Effective Date: 08/28/2009

Summary: This bill establishes the Large Carnivore Act which prohibits any person from owning, breeding, possessing, transferring ownership, or transporting a large carnivore unless he or she has a permit. "Large carnivore" is defined as any cat of the Felidae family that is nonnative to this state held in captivity excluding any common domestic or house cat or any species of bear that is nonnative to this state and held in captivity. The Division of Animal Health within the Department of Agriculture is required to implement and enforce the provisions of the bill.

SB 227: Modifies provisions relating to dangerous animal registration

Sponsor: Tom Dempsey [Dist. 23], **Republican**

LR Number: 1142S.011 Committee: General Laws

Last Action: 1/27/2009 - Second Read and Referred S General Laws Committee Journal Page

Effective Date: August 28, 2009

Summary: Under current law, certain dangerous wild animals may not be kept unless they are registered with local law enforcement except if the animals are kept in a zoo, circus, scientific or educational institution, research laboratory, veterinary hospital or animal refuge. This act removes the exception for animal refuges. The act also adds the criteria that research laboratories and scientific and educational institutions must be accredited, veterinary hospitals must be permitted by the Missouri Veterinary Medical Board, and zoos must be accredited by the Association of Zoos and Aquariums in order for the exception to apply. The act removes the margay, jaguarundi, coyote, and certain reptiles from the list of animals for which registration is required.

Montana State: (<http://www.rexano.org/StatePages/MontanaFrame.htm>)

SB 344: Wolf Hybrid Ban (Bill Draft Number: LC0579)

Short Title: Revise laws governing wolf hybrids--reporting & ownership

Primary Sponsor: Jim Peterson [Dist 15], **Republican**

Summary: A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT PROHIBITING THE FUTURE OWNERSHIP, BREEDING, AND SALE OF WOLF HYBRIDS; REQUIRING THE REPORTING, IDENTIFICATION, AND TATTOOING OF PRESENTLY OWNED WOLF HYBRIDS; DEFINING "WOLF HYBRID"; PROVIDING A PENALTY FOR FAILURE TO REPORT A WOLF HYBRID; PROVIDING THAT A PERSON WHO HOLDS A WOLF HYBRID IN CAPTIVITY IS LIABLE FOR PERSONAL PROPERTY DAMAGE THAT IS CAUSED BY THE WOLF HYBRID; AMENDING SECTIONS 87-1-231 AND 87-1-233, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE."

Oklahoma State: (http://www.rexano.org/StatePages/Oklahoma_Frame.htm)

HB1665: Animals; enacting the Exotic Animal Review Act

Sponsor: Primary Authors: Joe Dorman [Dist. 65], **Democrat**

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2009

Comments: This is so called 'shell bill' and the text is not available yet.

Washington State: (<http://www.rexano.org/StatePages/WashingtonFrame.htm>)

SB 5383: Including a wolf-hybrid in the definition of a "potentially dangerous wild animal."

Sponsors: **Democrats:** Ken Jacobsen [Dist. 46], James Hargrove [Dist. 24]

Republicans: Bob Morton [Dist. 7], Dan Swecker [Dist. 20], Val Stevens [Dist. 39], Mark Schoesler [Dist. 9], Cheryl Pflug [Dist. 5], Curtis King [Dist. 14]