HOUSE BILL 3619

By Ferguson

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 70, Chapter 4, Part 4, relative to Class I wildlife.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 70-4-404(c), is amended by deleting subdivision (2)(C) in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

(C) The facilities for holding Class I wildlife must be located on the premises on which the permit holder resides or shall have a full-time resident caretaker to supervise the care and security of the facilities. Facilities for Class I animals and may not be on premises of less than one (1) acre for a personal possession permit and three (3) acres for a commercial propagator facility permit. and (may not be located in a multi-unit dwelling or trailer park). Cages at such facilities shall be constructed and maintained so as to provide sufficient space to allow each animal to make normal postural and social adjustments with adequate freedom of movement. Inadequate space may be indicated by evidence of malnutrition, poor condition, debility, stress, or abnormal behavior patterns; and

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2010, the public welfare requiring it.