

Session 119 - (2011-2012)

S 1204 General Bill, By Thomas

Summary: Exotic Animal and Reptile Control and Regulation Act

A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING CHAPTER 2 TO TITLE 47 SO AS TO ENACT THE "EXOTIC ANIMAL AND REPTILE CONTROL AND REGULATION ACT", TO DEFINE THE TERM "EXOTIC ANIMAL"; TO PROHIBIT A PERSON FROM OWNING OR POSSESSING AN EXOTIC ANIMAL UNLESS THE PERSON WAS IN LEGAL POSSESSION OF THE ANIMAL BEFORE THIS ACT'S EFFECTIVE DATE AND THE PERSON OBTAINS A PERSONAL POSSESSION PERMIT FOR THE EXOTIC ANIMAL WITHIN NINETY DAYS OF THIS ACT'S EFFECTIVE DATE; TO ESTABLISH IDENTIFICATION, CAGING, CARE AND TREATMENT, AND INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS; TO PROHIBIT PUBLIC CONTACT WITH AN EXOTIC ANIMAL; TO AUTHORIZE INSPECTIONS BY THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES; TO AUTHORIZE CONFISCATION OF THESE ANIMALS UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS; TO PROVIDE PROVISIONS THAT REGULATE THE HANDLING, OWNERSHIP, AND USE OF REPTILES; TO PROVIDE THAT A LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL BODY MAY ADOPT AN ORDINANCE THAT REGULATES THE POSSESSION OF EXOTIC ANIMALS WHICH IS MORE RESTRICTIVE THAN THE PROVISIONS CONTAINED IN THIS ACT; AND TO PROVIDE PENALTIES.

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