

1                   A bill to be entitled  
 2           An act relating to reptiles; amending s. 379.372, F.S.;  
 3           prohibiting any person from possessing, importing,  
 4           selling, trading, or breeding certain specified reptile  
 5           species, including a reptile designated as a reptile of  
 6           concern by the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission;  
 7           providing certain exceptions applicable to reptiles for  
 8           which the owner holds a permit issued before a specified  
 9           date; providing an effective date.

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11 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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13           Section 1. Section 379.372, Florida Statutes, is amended  
 14 to read:

15           379.372 Capturing, keeping, possessing, transporting, or  
 16 exhibiting venomous reptiles or reptiles of concern; license  
 17 required.—

18           (1) (a) No person, firm, or corporation shall capture,  
 19 keep, possess, or exhibit any poisonous or venomous reptile or  
 20 reptile of concern without first having obtained a special  
 21 permit or license therefor from the Fish and Wildlife  
 22 Conservation Commission as provided in this section.

23           (b) ~~(2)~~ By December 31, 2007, the commission shall  
 24 establish a list of reptiles of concern, including venomous,  
 25 nonvenomous, native, nonnative, or other reptiles, which require  
 26 additional regulation for capture, possession, transportation,  
 27 or exhibition due to their nature, habits, status, or potential  
 28 to negatively impact humans, the environment, or ecology, ~~or~~

29 ~~humans.~~

30 (c)~~(3)~~ It shall be unlawful for any person, firm, or  
 31 corporation, whether licensed hereunder or not, to capture,  
 32 keep, possess, or exhibit any venomous reptile or reptile of  
 33 concern in any manner not approved as safe, secure, and proper  
 34 by the commission. Venomous reptiles or reptiles of concern held  
 35 in captivity are subject to inspection by the commission. The  
 36 commission shall determine whether the reptiles are securely,  
 37 safely, and properly penned. In the event that the reptiles are  
 38 not safely penned, the commission shall report the situation in  
 39 writing to the person, firm, or corporation owning the reptiles.  
 40 Failure of the person, firm, or corporation to correct the  
 41 situation within 30 days after such written notice shall be  
 42 grounds for revocation of the license or permit of the person,  
 43 firm, or corporation.

44 (d)~~(4)~~ Venomous reptiles or reptiles of concern shall be  
 45 transported in a safe, secure, and proper manner. The commission  
 46 shall establish by rule the requirements for the transportation  
 47 of venomous reptiles or reptiles of concern.

48 (2) (a) No person, firm, or corporation shall keep,  
 49 possess, import into the state, sell, barter, trade, or breed  
 50 the following species for personal use or for sale for personal  
 51 use:

- 52 1. Burmese or Indian python (*Python molurus*).
- 53 2. Reticulated python (*Python reticulatus*).
- 54 3. African rock python (*Python sebae*).
- 55 4. Amethystine or scrub python (*Morelia amethystinus*).
- 56 5. Anaconda (*Eunectes*).

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57 6. Nile monitor (*Varanus niloticus*).

58 7. Any other reptile designated as a reptile of concern by  
59 the commission.

60 (b) However, if a person holds a permit issued before July  
61 1, 2010, pursuant to subsection (1) to legally possess a species  
62 listed in paragraph (a), that person may possess the individual  
63 reptile for the remainder of that reptile's life. Any person who  
64 possesses an anaconda, other than a green anaconda (*Eunectes*  
65 *murinus*), and who meets the required criteria must obtain a  
66 permit pursuant to subsection (1) by October 1, 2010, in order  
67 to keep that anaconda for the remainder of its life.

68 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2010.