

Venomous Reptile Rule Changes

Consent Agenda – Item # 1

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68A-6.001 Captive Wildlife Definitions

The following definitions are for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of the rules of the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission relating to the possession of wildlife in captivity, in accordance with Section 68A-6, F.A.C. As used herein, the singular includes the plural. The following shall be construed respectively to mean:

- (1) Conviction/convicted – any judicial disposition other than acquittal or dismissal.
- (2) Employee – any person working under a permit or license holder or at a licensed or permitted facility, whether paid or unpaid.
- (3) Escape-proof – all potential escape routes, to include but not limited to windows, vents, gaps, cracks and doors, are secured in a manner to prevent escape.
- (4) Free-handling – the act of physical contact with venomous reptiles without the use of hooks, tongs, tools, specialized gloves, or other standard handling equipment.
- (5) Handling – the act of physical contact with venomous reptiles with the use of hooks, tongs, tools, specialized gloves, or other standard handling equipment.
- (6) Lock/locked – a device operated by a key, combination, key card or other locking mechanism approved by the Commission to prevent unauthorized intrusion and make the primary enclosure, secondary containment or building(s) inaccessible to unauthorized personnel.
- (7) Native – a species, subspecies or isolated populations of species or subspecies that occur naturally in Florida or that has been reintroduced into its historic range, rather than occurring in Florida as a result of accidental or deliberate introduction by humans.
- (8) Primary enclosure – any structure or device used to directly confine wildlife to a limited amount of space including, but not limited to, cages, pits, paddocks, moated areas and other enclosures.

- (9) Sale/sell – the transfer of property or other things to a buyer for an agreed price. The term shall include all lesser acts related thereto, such as attempting to sell, offering to sell, to barter, exchange, trade, or auction.
- (10) Secondary containment – a secondary means of containing wildlife which surrounds or encompasses the primary cage or enclosure and is designed to contain wildlife that has escaped the primary cage or enclosure including, but not limited to, rooms, outbuildings or perimeter fences.
- (11) Supervision – Regulating and monitoring a process, activity or task.