

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2nd Session of the 50th Legislature (2006)

HOUSE BILL 2952

By: Dorman

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to game and fish; amending 29 O.S. 2001, Section 7-801, which relates to exotic wildlife; clarifying statutory language; and providing an effective date.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 29 O.S. 2001, Section 7-801, is amended to read as follows:

Section 7-801. A. The Commission is authorized to regulate the importation of exotic wildlife. ~~No exotic~~ Exotic wildlife ~~may~~ shall not be released into the wilds of Oklahoma without first obtaining written permission of the Director. Any person releasing ~~such~~ exotic wildlife into the wilds of Oklahoma in violation of the provisions of this section shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by a fine of not less than One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) nor more than Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00) or by imprisonment in the county jail for a period not to exceed thirty (30) days or by both such fine and imprisonment.

B. Any bear or cat that will grow to reach the weight of fifty (50) pounds or more held or maintained in violation of this section may be confiscated and disposed of by the Wildlife Department or other law enforcement agency after proper notice and hearing except in an emergency situation.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2006.

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