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An Act To Exclude Domesticated Species Used for Agricultural Purposes from the Laws Governing Permits To Possess Wildlife in Captivity

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §12151, sub-§1, as amended by PL 2017, c. 205, §13, is further amended to read:

1. Prohibition. A person may not keep wildlife in captivity except as ~~provided under section 10105, subsection 10, sections 12102, 12152 and 12157 and Title 7, section 1809 or except if the wild animal was purchased from a dealer or pet shop licensed under Title 7, section 3933.:~~

A. As provided under section 10105, subsection 10, sections 12102, 12152 and 12157 and Title 7, section 1809;

B. If the wild animal was purchased from a dealer or pet shop licensed under Title 7, section 3933; or

C. If the wildlife is domestically raised, hybridized or genetically altered and specifically used for farming or ranching as defined by Title 7, section 251, subsection 4 or agritourism activity as defined by Title 7, section 251, subsection 1.

SUMMARY

This bill exempts wildlife that is domestically raised, hybridized or genetically altered and specifically used for farming or ranching or agritourism activity from the prohibition on keeping wildlife in captivity.