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An Act Regarding Permits To Possess Wildlife in Captivity

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

Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §12152, sub-§3-C, as enacted by PL 2015, c. 374, §7, is amended to read:

3-C. Issuance for unpermitted wildlife. The commissioner may issue a permit under this section to a person who possesses wildlife without a permit for which a permit is required if the possession would have been allowed had the person applied for a permit before importing or possessing the wildlife. A person issued a permit under this subsection must pay a fee of \$500 in addition to the applicable application fee and permit fee. A person issued a permit under this subsection may not be charged with a penalty under section 12151. The commissioner may issue a notice of corrective action to a person issued a permit under this subsection informing the person of the requirement to fully comply with application and permit conditions and that failure to comply may result in denial of future permits.

SUMMARY

This bill amends the law governing the issuance of permits to possess wildlife in captivity to allow the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to issue a notice of corrective action to a person who possesses wildlife in captivity without a permit and who is issued a permit by the commissioner.