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An Act Regarding Permits To Possess Wildlife in Captivity

Submitted by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife pursuant to Joint Rule 203.
Reference to the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife suggested and ordered
printed.

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DAREK M. GRANT
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator DILL of Penobscot.

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

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

4 **3-C. Issuance for unpermitted wildlife.** The commissioner may issue a permit
5 under this section to a person who possesses wildlife without a permit for which a permit
6 is required if the possession would have been allowed had the person applied for a permit
7 before importing or possessing the wildlife. A person issued a permit under this
8 subsection must pay a fee of \$500 in addition to the applicable application fee and permit
9 fee. A person issued a permit under this subsection may not be charged with a penalty
10 under section 12151. The commissioner may issue a notice of corrective action to a
11 person issued a permit under this subsection informing the person of the requirement to
12 fully comply with application and permit conditions and that failure to comply may result
13 in denial of future permits.

14 **SUMMARY**

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