

1-1 By: Frullo (Senate Sponsor - Springer) H.B. No. 2326
 1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 19, 2021;
 1-3 April 20, 2021, read first time and referred to Committee on
 1-4 Administration; April 26, 2021, rereferred to Committee on Water,
 1-5 Agriculture & Rural Affairs; May 13, 2021, reported adversely,
 1-6 with favorable Committee Substitute by the following vote:
 1-7 Yeas 8, Nays 0; May 13, 2021, sent to printer.)

1-8 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-10	X			
1-11	X			
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1-13	X			
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1-15	X			
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1-19 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR H.B. No. 2326 By: Springer

1-20 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-21 AN ACT

1-22 relating to the possession and transportation of certain
 1-23 nonindigenous snakes; increasing a criminal penalty.

1-24 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-25 SECTION 1. Section 43.851(a), Parks and Wildlife Code, is
 1-26 amended to read as follows:

1-27 (a) The commission by rule shall establish permits that
 1-28 allow permit holders to possess or transport in this state a live
 1-29 nonindigenous snake, including a hybrid of any kind, that is:

- 1-30 (1) venomous [snake]; or
- 1-31 (2) a constrictor that is one of the following:
 - 1-32 (A) African rock python, Python sebae;
 - 1-33 (B) Asiatic rock python, Python molurus;
 - 1-34 (C) Burmese python, Python bivittatus;
 - 1-35 (D) green anaconda, Eunectes murinus;
 - 1-36 (E) [~~(D)~~] reticulated python, Python
 - 1-37 reticulatus; or
 - 1-38 (F) [~~(E)~~] southern African python, Python
 - 1-39 natalensis.

1-40 SECTION 2. Section 43.856, Parks and Wildlife Code, is
 1-41 amended by amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (c) to
 1-42 read as follows:

1-43 (a) Except as provided by Subsection (b) or (c), a person
 1-44 who violates this subchapter or a rule adopted under this
 1-45 subchapter commits an offense that is a Class C Parks and Wildlife
 1-46 Code misdemeanor.

1-47 (c) If it is shown at the trial of the defendant for a
 1-48 violation of this subchapter or a rule adopted under this
 1-49 subchapter that the defendant has engaged in a commercial activity
 1-50 without holding a required permit and the defendant has been
 1-51 previously convicted of a violation of this subchapter or a rule
 1-52 adopted under this subchapter, on conviction the defendant shall be
 1-53 punished for a Class B Parks and Wildlife Code misdemeanor.

1-54 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.

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