

**House Bill 2326**  
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HOUSE VERSION

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

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

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

SECTION 2. Section 43.853, Parks and Wildlife Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 43.853. RELEASE FROM CAPTIVITY. A person may not intentionally, knowingly, recklessly, or with criminal negligence release or allow the release from captivity of a nonindigenous snake [covered by this subchapter].

SECTION 3. Section 43.856, Parks and Wildlife Code, is amended by amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (c) to read as follows:

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

(c) If it is shown at the trial of the defendant for a violation of this subchapter or a rule adopted under this subchapter that the

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**No equivalent provision.**

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defendant has engaged in a commercial activity without holding a required permit and the defendant has been previously convicted of a violation of this subchapter or a rule adopted under this subchapter, on conviction the defendant shall be punished for a Class B Parks and Wildlife Code misdemeanor.

SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.

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