

Amendment to HB 1299

1 Amend the bill by replacing section 2 with the following:

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3 2 General Provisions as to Fish and Game; Import, Possession or Release of Wildlife. Amend
4 RSA 207:14, I to read as follows:

5 I.**(a)** No person shall import, possess, sell, exhibit, or release any live marine species or
6 wildlife, or the eggs or progeny thereof, without first obtaining a permit from the executive director
7 except as permitted under title XVIII. The executive director shall have the authority to determine
8 the time period and any other conditions governing the issuance of such permit. ~~[The executive~~
9 ~~director may refuse to issue a permit if he determines that such issuance may pose significant~~
10 ~~disease, genetic, ecological, environmental, health, safety, or welfare risks to persons, marine species~~
11 ~~or wildlife.]~~ ***A person may import, possess, sell, exhibit, or release any live marine species or***
12 ***wildlife, or the eggs or progeny thereof, after first obtaining a permit from the executive***
13 ***director, except as otherwise provided in Title XVIII. The chief of the wildlife division***
14 ***shall respond to a request for a permit within 60 days of a submission for a final request.***
15 ***The permit shall be granted within 60 days of the request, unless the executive director***
16 ***determines that issuing a permit may pose a significant disease, genetic, ecological,***
17 ***environmental, health, safety, or welfare risks to persons, marine species, or wildlife.***

18 ***(b) Any person who is denied a permit under subparagraph (a) may appeal the***
19 ***decision in writing to the fish and game commission within 60 days of the denial. The***
20 ***executive director shall respond to the appeal within 60 days.***

21 ***(c) The executive director shall adopt rules pursuant to RSA 541-A to implement***
22 ***the provisions of this paragraph.***