

## Session 116 - (2005-2006)

### S 0959 General Bill, By Thomas

#### Summary: Exotic Animal Control and Regulation Act

A BILL TO AMEND TITLE 47, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO ANIMALS, LIVESTOCK, AND POULTRY, BY ADDING CHAPTER 2 WHICH ENACTS THE "EXOTIC ANIMAL CONTROL AND REGULATION ACT", SO AS TO DEFINE EXOTIC ANIMAL AS THOSE SPECIES OF ANIMALS THAT ARE INHERENTLY DANGEROUS TO HUMANS AND TO EXEMPT SPECIFIC ANIMALS AND CERTAIN ENTITIES POSSESSING EXOTIC ANIMALS; TO PROHIBIT A PERSON FROM OWNING OR POSSESSING AN EXOTIC ANIMAL UNLESS THE PERSON WAS IN LEGAL POSSESSION OF THE ANIMAL BEFORE THIS ACT'S EFFECTIVE DATE AND THE PERSON OBTAINS A PERSONAL POSSESSION PERMIT FOR THE EXOTIC ANIMAL WITHIN NINETY DAYS OF THIS ACT'S EFFECTIVE DATE; TO ESTABLISH IDENTIFICATION, CAGING, CARE AND TREATMENT, AND INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS; TO PROHIBIT PUBLIC CONTACT WITH AN EXOTIC ANIMAL; TO AUTHORIZE INSPECTIONS BY THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES; TO AUTHORIZE CONFISCATION OF THESE ANIMALS UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS; AND TO PROVIDE PENALTIES.

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