

2015 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 288

BY REPRESENTATIVE THIBAUT

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

HUNTING: Prohibits the release and importation and restricts the transportation of feral hogs

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AN ACT

To enact R.S. 56:123, relative to feral hogs; to define "feral hogs"; to prohibit the release and importation of feral hogs; to provide for the transportation of feral hogs; to provide relative to penalties; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 56:123 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§123. Importation and release of feral hogs; prohibition; penalties

A. For the purposes of this Section, "feral hog" shall mean any member of the *suidae* family that is not a domesticated pet or livestock, including but not limited to hogs, wild swine, or Russian boar.

B. No person shall import any live feral hog into the state or release any live feral hog into the wild where the animal is able to move about freely to adjoining land.

C. No person shall transport within the state any live feral hog without a permit for such purpose issued by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries. The commission shall promulgate rules and regulations implementing this Section and providing for the issuance of such permits.

D. A violation of this Section or rules and regulations adopted pursuant to this Section shall constitute a class two violation.

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DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Prohibits the release and importation and restricts the transportation of feral hogs.

Proposed law defines "feral hogs" and prohibits the importation of live feral hogs and the release of live feral hogs into the wild.

Proposed law requires a permit issued by the Dept. of Wildlife and Fisheries to transport a feral hog. Requires the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to promulgate rules and regulations to implement proposed law.

Proposed law provides that violations of proposed law are Class 2 violations punishable as follows:

	1st Offense	2nd Offense	3rd and Subsequent Offenses
Penalties	\$100-\$350 or imprisonment not more than 60 days, or both	\$300 - \$550 and imprisonment between 30 and 60 days	\$500 - \$750 and imprisonment between 60 and 90 days, and forfeiture

(Adds R.S. 56:123)