

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 479—COMMITTEE ON NATURAL  
RESOURCES, AGRICULTURE, AND MINING

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Referred to Committee on Natural Resources,  
Agriculture, and Mining

SUMMARY—Enacts provisions relating to the importation,  
possession, sale, transfer and breeding of dangerous  
wild animals. (BDR 50-903)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: Increases or Newly  
Provides for Term of Imprisonment in County or City  
Jail or Detention Facility.  
Effect on the State: No.

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *bolded italics* is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to animals; enacting provisions relating to the  
importation, possession, sale, transfer and breeding of  
dangerous wild animals; providing a penalty; and  
providing other matters properly relating thereto.

**Legislative Counsel’s Digest:**

1 Existing law authorizes the Board of Wildlife Commissioners to adopt  
2 regulations to prohibit the importation, transportation and possession of any species  
3 of wildlife which the Commission determines is detrimental to the wildlife or  
4 habitat of wildlife in this State. (NRS 503.597) Pursuant to that authority, the  
5 Commission has adopted regulations governing the possession, transportation,  
6 importation, exportation and release of certain species of wildlife. (NAC 503.108-  
7 503.140, 504.464, 504.466) **Section 7** of this bill makes it unlawful for a person,  
8 unless he or she meets one of several exemptions, to: (1) import, possess, sell,  
9 transfer or breed a dangerous wild animal, as defined in **section 4** of this bill; or (2)  
10 allow any member of the public to come in direct contact with a dangerous wild  
11 animal. **Sections 8 and 9** of this bill provide that certain research facilities,  
12 nonprofit organizations, animal shelters and licensees may import, possess, sell,  
13 transfer or breed a dangerous wild animal, as may veterinarians and certain law  
14 enforcement personnel in carrying out their duties. **Section 9** allows a person who  
15 possesses a dangerous wild animal before July 1, 2019, to keep that animal if the  
16 person meets certain requirements. **Section 10** of this bill authorizes a law  
17 enforcement officer or an animal control agent to seize a dangerous wild animal if  
18 the agent believes the owner of the animal has violated certain provisions. **Section**  
19 **11** of this bill authorizes the forfeiture or voluntary relinquishment of a seized



20 dangerous wild animal under certain circumstances, and **section 12** of this bill  
21 provides for the disposition of a dangerous wild animal that is seized, forfeited or  
22 relinquished. **Section 13** of this bill sets forth the manner in which a person or  
23 entity given temporary custody of a dangerous wild animal may petition a court to  
24 order the person from whom the animal was seized to post security to compensate  
25 the person or entity for the cost of caring for the animal. **Section 16** of this bill  
26 provides that a violation of the provisions of **sections 2-16** of this bill regarding the  
27 importation, possession, sale, transfer or breeding of dangerous wild animals is  
28 punishable as a misdemeanor.

29 Existing law confers authority upon a board of county commissioners and a city  
30 council to enact certain restrictions and ordinances concerning animals, including,  
31 for example, prohibiting cruelty to animals and fixing, imposing and collecting  
32 license fees. (NRS 244.359, 266.325) **Section 15** of this bill provides that the  
33 provisions of **sections 2-16** must not be construed as prohibiting a county or a city  
34 from adopting or enforcing any rule or law that places additional restrictions or  
35 requirements on the importation, possession, sale, transfer or breeding of a  
36 dangerous wild animal.

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THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN  
SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1 **Section 1.** Title 50 of NRS is hereby amended by adding  
2 thereto a new chapter to consist of the provisions set forth as  
3 sections 2 to 16, inclusive, of this act.

4 **Sec. 2.** *As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise*  
5 *requires, the words and terms defined in sections 3 to 6, inclusive,*  
6 *of this act have the meanings ascribed to them in those sections.*

7 **Sec. 3.** *“Animal control agency” means any entity of a*  
8 *political subdivision authorized to enforce local ordinances and*  
9 *laws of this State relating to the control of animals.*

10 **Sec. 4.** *“Dangerous wild animal” means any of the following*  
11 *live animals held in captivity:*

12 1. *All elephants from the genera Elephas and Loxodonta.*

13 2. *All snakes from the families Atractaspididae, Elapidae and*  
14 *Hydrophiidae.*

15 3. *All snakes from the family Viperidae, except any species of*  
16 *snake indigenous to this State.*

17 4. *All species of aardwolves and hyenas.*

18 5. *All species of alligators, caimans, crocodiles and gharials.*

19 6. *All species of primates, except humans.*

20 7. *All twig snakes from the genus Thelotornis.*

21 8. *Boomslangs (Dispholidus typus).*

22 9. *The following species from the family Canidae:*

23 (a) *Gray wolves (Canis lupus).*

24 (b) *Red wolves (Canis rufus) that have been bred in captivity.*

25 10. *The following species from the family Felidae:*

26 (a) *Cheetahs (Acinonyx jubatus), including hybrids thereof.*



1 (b) Clouded leopards (*Neofelis nebulosa* and *Neofelis diardi*),  
2 including hybrids thereof.

3 (c) Jaguars (*Panthera onca*), including hybrids thereof.

4 (d) Leopards (*Panthera pardus*), including hybrids thereof.

5 (e) Lions (*Panthera leo*), including hybrids thereof.

6 (f) Mountain lions (*Puma concolor*) that have been bred in  
7 captivity, including hybrids thereof.

8 (g) Snow leopards (*Panthera uncia*), including hybrids  
9 thereof.

10 (h) Tigers (*Panthera tigris*), including hybrids thereof.

11 11. The following species from the family Ursidae:

12 (a) American black bears (*Ursus americanus*) that have been  
13 bred in captivity.

14 (b) Asiatic black bears (*Ursus thibetanus*).

15 (c) Brown bears (*Ursus arctos*).

16 (d) Giant pandas (*Ailuropoda melanoleuca*).

17 (e) Polar bears (*Ursus maritimus*).

18 (f) Sloth bears (*Melursus ursinus*).

19 (g) Spectacled bears (*Tremarctos ornatus*), including hybrids  
20 thereof.

21 (h) Sun bears (*Helarctos malayanus*).

22 **Sec. 5. 1.** “Direct contact” means physical contact with or  
23 a situation of physical proximity where physical contact is possible  
24 with a dangerous wild animal.

25 2. The term includes, without limitation, a situation where a  
26 photograph is taken with a dangerous wild animal without the  
27 presence of a permanent physical barrier which is designed to  
28 prevent physical contact between the public and the dangerous  
29 wild animal.

30 **Sec. 6.** “Law enforcement officer” means:

31 1. A sheriff of a county or metropolitan police department or  
32 any deputy of either;

33 2. An employee of the Department of Public Safety who has  
34 the powers of a peace officer pursuant to NRS 289.270;

35 3. A police officer of a city or town;

36 4. An officer of an animal control agency;

37 5. A game warden or other agent or employee of the  
38 Department of Wildlife; and

39 6. Any person acting under the authority of NRS 574.040.

40 **Sec. 7.** Except as otherwise provided in sections 8 and 9 of  
41 this act, it is unlawful for any person to:

42 1. Import, possess, sell, transfer or breed a dangerous wild  
43 animal in this State.

44 2. Allow any member of the public to come in direct contact  
45 with a dangerous wild animal.



**Sec. 8.** *The provisions of section 7 of this act do not apply to:*

*1. A research facility, as defined in 7 U.S.C. § 2132.*

*2. Any nonprofit entity that provides refuge and care to animals or an animal shelter, as defined in NRS 574.240, which is temporarily housing a dangerous wild animal at the written request of a law enforcement officer or an animal control agency.*

*3. A veterinarian licensed pursuant to chapter 638 of NRS for the purpose of providing treatment to a dangerous wild animal.*

*4. A law enforcement officer for the purpose of enforcing the laws of this State.*

*5. An institution or facility which is accredited by the Association of Zoos and Aquariums or its successor organization.*

*6. A Class "C" licensee, as defined in 9 C.F.R. § 1.1, including, without limitation, a circus or zoological park, that:*

*(a) Has not been convicted of or fined by any federal, state or local governmental entity for an offense involving the abuse or neglect of an animal.*

*(b) Does not employ a person who has:*

*(1) Direct contact with a dangerous wild animal; and*

*(2) Been convicted of or fined by any federal, state or local governmental entity for an offense involving the abuse or neglect of an animal.*

*(c) Has not:*

*(1) Had a license or permit for the care, possession, sale or breeding of animals revoked or suspended by any federal, state or local governmental entity;*

*(2) Received a letter warning of violation of any federal regulation from the United States Department of Agriculture within the immediately preceding 3 years; or*

*(3) Entered into any stipulation, consent decree or settlement with the United States Department of Agriculture within the immediately preceding 5 years. A Class "C" licensee shall disclose to a law enforcement officer or an animal control agency, upon request, any pending investigations that the United States Department of Agriculture is conducting.*

*(d) Has not been cited within the immediately preceding 3 years by the United States Department of Agriculture for jeopardizing the health or well-being of a dangerous wild animal by:*

*(1) Providing inadequate veterinary care to the dangerous wild animal;*

*(2) Inappropriately handling a dangerous wild animal that caused:*

*(I) Stress or trauma to the dangerous wild animal; or*

*(II) A threat to public safety; or*



1 (3) *Providing inadequate food, water, shelter or space to the*  
2 *dangerous wild animal.*

3 (e) *Has not been cited within the immediately preceding 3*  
4 *years by the United States Department of Agriculture for:*

5 (1) *Refusing access to any property owned or operated by*  
6 *the Class "C" licensee by an inspector of the United States*  
7 *Department of Agriculture; or*

8 (2) *Interfering with an inspection.*

9 (f) *Maintains liability insurance in an amount not less than*  
10 *\$250,000 per occurrence covering property damage or bodily*  
11 *injury or death caused by any dangerous wild animal that the*  
12 *Class "C" licensee possesses.*

13 (g) *Has an annual written plan, which the Class "C" licensee*  
14 *shall provide upon request to a law enforcement officer or animal*  
15 *control agency having jurisdiction over the location of the Class*  
16 *"C" licensee, for the quick and safe recapture or destruction of a*  
17 *dangerous wild animal that escapes from captivity, including,*  
18 *without limitation, written protocols for training employees of the*  
19 *Class "C" licensee concerning methods of the safe recapture of a*  
20 *dangerous wild animal that escapes from captivity.*

21 (h) *Files an annual list with a law enforcement officer or*  
22 *animal control agency having jurisdiction over the location of the*  
23 *Class "C" licensee setting forth all dangerous wild animals which*  
24 *are acquired or disposed of by the Class "C" licensee during the*  
25 *calendar year for which the Class "C" licensee files the list.*

26 ↪ *A plan or list provided to or filed with a law enforcement officer*  
27 *or animal control agency pursuant to paragraph (g) or (h) is*  
28 *confidential and must be securely maintained by the local law*  
29 *enforcement officer or animal control agency to whom the plan is*  
30 *provided or with whom the list is filed. An officer, employee or*  
31 *other person to whom the plan or list is entrusted by the law*  
32 *enforcement officer or animal control agency shall not disclose*  
33 *the contents of the plan or list except upon the order of a court of*  
34 *competent jurisdiction or as is necessary in the event of an*  
35 *emergency involving public health or safety.*

36 7. *A person, including, without limitation, a person who is*  
37 *located within this State and who is exempt pursuant to this*  
38 *section, transporting a legally possessed dangerous wild animal*  
39 *through this State for not more than 24 hours if the dangerous*  
40 *wild animal is:*

41 (a) *Not exhibited during transport; and*

42 (b) *At all times while in this State, kept in a cage or travel*  
43 *container that is appropriate to the species and the size of the*  
44 *dangerous wild animal and meets the requirements of 9 C.F.R. §*  
45 *3.137 or 3.87, as applicable.*



1   ↪ A person who is transporting a legally possessed dangerous  
2 wild animal pursuant to this subsection shall provide notice to any  
3 law enforcement officers or animal control agencies having  
4 jurisdiction in an area through which the dangerous wild animal  
5 will be transported at least 72 hours before transporting the legally  
6 possessed dangerous wild animal in this State. Such notice must  
7 identify the number and type of dangerous wild animals that will  
8 be transported and any veterinary certificates or other permits  
9 required by federal, state or local law.

10   **Sec. 9.** The provisions of section 7 of this act do not apply to  
11 a person who lawfully possessed a dangerous wild animal before  
12 July 1, 2019, if that person:

13   1. Has not:

14   (a) Been convicted of or fined by any federal, state or local  
15 governmental entity for an offense involving the abuse or neglect  
16 of an animal; or

17   (b) Had a license or permit relating to the care, possession,  
18 sale or breeding of animals revoked or suspended by any federal,  
19 state or local governmental entity;

20   2. Does not acquire any additional dangerous wild animals  
21 through purchase, donation or breeding on or after July 1, 2019,  
22 except in compliance with section 8 of this act;

23   3. If selling or transferring a dangerous wild animal to  
24 another person:

25   (a) Notifies the local law enforcement officer or animal  
26 control agency with jurisdiction over the location where the  
27 dangerous wild animal is kept in writing not less than 72 hours  
28 before the sale or transfer of the name and address of the recipient  
29 of the dangerous wild animal; and

30   (b) Complies with all applicable local, state and federal laws;

31   4. Maintains all veterinary records and any documents  
32 evidencing the acquisition of the dangerous wild animal to  
33 establish that the person possessed the dangerous wild animal  
34 before July 1, 2019;

35   5. Maintains a written plan, which he or she shall provide  
36 upon request to a law enforcement officer or animal control  
37 agency having jurisdiction over the location of the person,  
38 concerning:

39   (a) The quick and safe recapture or destruction of a dangerous  
40 wild animal that escapes from captivity;

41   (b) Any action which must be taken concerning the dangerous  
42 wild animal upon the death or incapacity of the person; and

43   (c) The protocol for managing the dangerous wild animal  
44 during an emergency;



1       6. *Has sufficient training to provide appropriate care for the*  
2 *dangerous wild animal that he or she possesses;*

3       7. *Registers with the local animal control agency with*  
4 *jurisdiction over the premises where the dangerous wild animal is*  
5 *located within 2 months after July 1, 2019, and annually*  
6 *thereafter. Such registration must:*

7       (a) *Provide the number and species of all dangerous wild*  
8 *animals possessed; and*

9       (b) *Show proof of liability insurance in an amount not less*  
10 *than \$250,000 per occurrence covering property damage or bodily*  
11 *injury or death caused by any dangerous wild animal that the*  
12 *person possesses.*

13       ↳ *The animal control agency may charge and collect reasonable*  
14 *fees for the application for, issuance of and renewal of a*  
15 *registration in an amount which is equal to any administrative and*  
16 *enforcement costs.*

17       **Sec. 10.** 1. *A law enforcement officer or an animal control*  
18 *agency may seize a dangerous wild animal if the officer or agency*  
19 *has probable cause to believe that the person who owns or*  
20 *possesses the dangerous wild animal has violated any provision of*  
21 *section 7, 8 or 9 of this act.*

22       2. *A law enforcement officer or an animal control agency*  
23 *may impound a dangerous wild animal seized pursuant to*  
24 *subsection 1 on the property of the person who owns or possesses*  
25 *the dangerous wild animal until a transfer and placement of the*  
26 *dangerous wild animal becomes possible.*

27       **Sec. 11.** 1. *If a person from whom a dangerous wild animal*  
28 *is seized pursuant to section 10 of this act is convicted of or pleads*  
29 *guilty to a violation of a provision of section 7, 8 or 9 of this act,*  
30 *the court may order the forfeiture of the dangerous wild animal by*  
31 *the person.*

32       2. *A person from whom a dangerous wild animal is seized*  
33 *pursuant to section 10 of this act may voluntarily relinquish the*  
34 *dangerous wild animal. A person who voluntarily relinquishes a*  
35 *dangerous wild animal pursuant to this section remains subject to*  
36 *the imposition of any penalties for a violation of a provision of*  
37 *section 7, 8 or 9 of this act.*

38       3. *A dangerous wild animal that is forfeited pursuant to this*  
39 *section may be returned to the owner of the dangerous wild*  
40 *animal if the law enforcement officer or animal control agency*  
41 *determines that:*

42       (a) *The owner has corrected each violation resulting in the*  
43 *forfeiture;*

44       (b) *The return of the dangerous wild animal does not create a*  
45 *risk to public health or safety;*





1 (c) *The dangerous wild animal has not been treated cruelly;*  
2 *and*

3 (d) *The owner is in compliance with the provisions of this*  
4 *chapter.*

5 **Sec. 12.** 1. *A dangerous wild animal that is seized pursuant*  
6 *to section 10 of this act, voluntarily relinquished pursuant to*  
7 *section 11 of this act or forfeited pursuant to section 11 or 13 of*  
8 *this act must be placed in the custody of a person or entity that is*  
9 *exempted from the provisions of section 7 of this act pursuant to*  
10 *section 8 of this act.*

11 2. *If the placement of a dangerous wild animal pursuant to*  
12 *subsection 1 is not possible after reasonable efforts by a law*  
13 *enforcement officer or an animal control agency to make such a*  
14 *placement, the dangerous wild animal may be humanely*  
15 *euthanized by an animal control agency in compliance with all*  
16 *applicable federal, state and local laws.*

17 **Sec. 13.** 1. *A person or entity with whom a dangerous wild*  
18 *animal is placed pursuant to section 12 of this act may file a*  
19 *petition in any court of competent jurisdiction to request that the*  
20 *person from whom the dangerous wild animal was seized be*  
21 *ordered to post security adequate to ensure full payment of all*  
22 *reasonable costs incurred in caring for the dangerous wild animal*  
23 *during the pendency of any proceedings regarding the disposition*  
24 *of the dangerous wild animal.*

25 2. *A petitioner who files a petition pursuant to subsection 1*  
26 *must serve a copy of the petition upon the person from whom the*  
27 *dangerous wild animal was seized and the law enforcement officer*  
28 *or animal control agent who seized the dangerous wild animal, if*  
29 *other than the petitioner.*

30 3. *The court shall set a hearing on any petition filed pursuant*  
31 *to subsection 1 to be held within 5 business days after service of*  
32 *the petition pursuant to subsection 2. At the hearing, the court*  
33 *may determine whether any additional interested parties must be*  
34 *served with the petition. If the court determines that additional*  
35 *parties must be served with the petition, the hearing must be*  
36 *continued to provide time for the petitioner to serve the interested*  
37 *parties with the petition and for the interested parties to respond to*  
38 *the petition.*

39 4. *If a court orders the posting of security pursuant to a*  
40 *hearing on a petition, the court may require the entire amount of*  
41 *the security be posted within 5 business days after the issuance of*  
42 *the order or may allow the person from whom the dangerous wild*  
43 *animal was seized to make installment payments of the total*  
44 *amount ordered. If the security is not paid as ordered by the court,*  
45 *the dangerous wild animal must be forfeited and the law*





1 *enforcement officer or animal control agency that seized the*  
2 *dangerous wild animal shall proceed pursuant to section 12 of this*  
3 *act.*

4 *5. Upon resolution of the proceedings regarding the*  
5 *disposition of the dangerous wild animal that was seized, the*  
6 *person having custody of the animal must refund to the person*  
7 *who posted the security any portion of the security remaining.*

8 **Sec. 14.** *The provisions of this chapter do not apply to the*  
9 *extent that those provisions conflict with or are otherwise*  
10 *inconsistent with the provisions of chapter 574 of NRS.*

11 **Sec. 15.** *The provisions of this chapter must not be construed*  
12 *to prohibit a county or a city from adopting or enforcing any rule*  
13 *or law that places additional restrictions or requirements on the*  
14 *possession, sale, transfer or breeding of dangerous wild animals.*

15 **Sec. 16.** *A person who violates any provision of this chapter*  
16 *is guilty of a misdemeanor.*

17 **Sec. 17.** NRS 571.210 is hereby amended to read as follows:

18 571.210 1. Except as otherwise provided in this section **§**  
19 *and sections 2 to 16, inclusive, of this act*, a person, or the person's  
20 agent or employee may bring into this State any animal not under  
21 special quarantine by the State of Nevada, the Federal Government,  
22 or the state, territory or district of origin in compliance with  
23 regulations adopted by the State Quarantine Officer.

24 2. Notice that an animal is in transit is not required unless the  
25 animal remains in this State, or is to be unloaded in this State to feed  
26 and rest for longer than 48 hours.

27 3. A person, or the person's agent or employee shall not bring  
28 any animal into this State unless he or she has obtained a health  
29 certificate showing that the animal is free from contagious,  
30 infectious or parasitic diseases or exposure thereto. This requirement  
31 does not apply to any animal whose accustomed range is on both  
32 sides of the Nevada state line and which is being moved from one  
33 portion to another of the accustomed range merely for pasturing and  
34 grazing thereon. The State Quarantine Officer shall adopt  
35 regulations concerning the form of the certificate.

36 4. A person, or the person's agent or employee shall not:

37 (a) Alter a health certificate; or

38 (b) Divert any animal from the destination described on the  
39 health certificate without notifying the State Quarantine Officer  
40 within 72 hours after the diversion of the animal.

41 5. To protect this State from the effects of chronic wasting  
42 disease, a person, or the person's agent or employee shall not bring  
43 into this State any live:

44 (a) Rocky Mountain elk (Cervus elaphus nelsoni);

45 (b) Mule deer (Odocoileus hemionus);



- 1 (c) White-tailed deer (Odocoileus virginianus); or
- 2 (d) Other animal that the State Quarantine Officer has, by
- 3 regulation, declared to be susceptible to chronic wasting disease and
- 4 prohibited from importation into this State.

5 6. Any animal brought into this State in violation of this  
6 section may be seized, destroyed or sent out of this State by the  
7 State Quarantine Officer within 48 hours. The expense of seizing,  
8 destroying or removing the animal must be paid by the owner or the  
9 owner's agent in charge of the animal and the expense is a lien on  
10 the animal, unless it was destroyed, until paid.

11 **Sec. 18.** NRS 574.615 is hereby amended to read as follows:

12 574.615 1. "Pet" means an animal that is kept by a person  
13 primarily for personal enjoyment.

14 2. The term does not include ~~[(a)]~~ :

15 (a) *An animal that is kept by a person primarily for:*

16 ~~[(a)]~~ (1) Hunting;

17 ~~[(b)]~~ (2) Use in connection with farming or agriculture;

18 ~~[(e)]~~ (3) Breeding;

19 ~~[(d)]~~ (4) Drawing heavy loads; or

20 ~~[(e)]~~ (5) Use as a service animal or a service animal in training,  
21 as those terms are defined in NRS 426.097 and 426.099,  
22 respectively ~~[(f)]~~ ; or

23 (b) *A dangerous wild animal as defined in section 4 of this act.*

24 **Sec. 19.** NRS 244.359 is hereby amended to read as follows:

25 244.359 1. Each board of county commissioners may enact  
26 and enforce an ordinance or ordinances:

27 (a) Fixing, imposing and collecting an annual license fee on  
28 dogs and providing for the capture and disposal of all dogs on which  
29 the license fee is not paid.

30 (b) Regulating or prohibiting the running at large and disposal of  
31 all kinds of animals.

32 (c) Establishing a pound, appointing a poundkeeper and  
33 prescribing the poundkeeper's duties.

34 (d) Prohibiting cruelty to animals.

35 (e) Designating an animal as inherently dangerous and requiring  
36 the owner of such an animal to obtain a policy of liability insurance  
37 for the animal in an amount determined by the board of county  
38 commissioners.

39 2. Any ordinance or ordinances enacted pursuant to the  
40 provisions of paragraphs (a) and (b) of subsection 1 may apply  
41 throughout an entire county or govern only a limited area within the  
42 county which shall be specified in the ordinance or ordinances.

43 3. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, a board of  
44 county commissioners may by ordinance provide that the violation  
45 of a particular ordinance enacted pursuant to this section imposes a



1 civil liability to the county in an amount not to exceed \$500, instead  
2 of a criminal penalty. An ordinance enacted pursuant to this section  
3 that creates an offense relating to bites of animals, vicious or  
4 dangerous animals, horse tripping or cruelty to animals must impose  
5 a criminal penalty for the offense. As used in this subsection, “horse  
6 tripping” does not include tripping a horse to provide medical or  
7 other health care for the horse.

8 **4. *The provisions of this section apply only to the extent that***  
9 ***they do not conflict with the provisions of sections 2 to 16,***  
10 ***inclusive, of this act.***

11 **Sec. 20.** NRS 266.325 is hereby amended to read as follows:

12 266.325 **1.** The city council may:

13 ~~[1.]~~ **(a)** Fix, impose and collect an annual license fee on all  
14 animals and provide for the capture and disposal of all animals on  
15 which the license fee is not paid.

16 ~~[2.]~~ **(b)** Regulate or prohibit the running at large and disposal of  
17 all kinds of animals and poultry.

18 ~~[3.]~~ **(c)** Establish a pound, appoint a poundkeeper and prescribe  
19 the poundkeeper’s duties.

20 ~~[4.]~~ **(d)** Prohibit cruelty to animals.

21 **2. *The provisions of this section apply only to the extent that***  
22 ***they do not conflict with the provisions of sections 2 to 16,***  
23 ***inclusive, of this act.***

24 **Sec. 21.** NRS 278.0177 is hereby amended to read as follows:

25 278.0177 **1.** “Rural preservation neighborhood” means a  
26 subdivided or developed area:

27 ~~[1.]~~ **(a)** Which consists of 10 or more residential dwelling units;

28 ~~[2.]~~ **(b)** Where the outer boundary of each lot that is used for  
29 residential purposes is not more than 330 feet from the outer  
30 boundary of any other lot that is used for residential purposes;

31 ~~[3.]~~ **(c)** Which has no more than two residential dwelling units  
32 per acre; and

33 ~~[4.]~~ **(d)** Which allows residents to raise or keep animals  
34 noncommercially.

35 **2. *As used in this section, the term “animal” does not include***  
36 ***a dangerous wild animal as defined in section 4 of this act.***

37 **Sec. 22.** NRS 501.379 is hereby amended to read as follows:

38 501.379 **1.** Except as otherwise provided in this section ~~[1.]~~  
39 ***and sections 2 to 16, inclusive, of this act:***

40 (a) It is unlawful for any person to sell or expose for sale, to  
41 barter, trade or purchase or to attempt to sell, barter, trade or  
42 purchase any species of wildlife, or parts thereof, except as  
43 otherwise provided in this title or in a regulation of the Commission.

44 (b) The importation and sale of products made from the meat of  
45 game mammals, game birds or game amphibians raised in captivity



1 is not prohibited if the importation is from a licensed commercial  
2 breeder or commercial processor.

3 2. The provisions of this section do not apply to alternative  
4 livestock and products made therefrom.

5 **Sec. 23.** NRS 503.590 is hereby amended to read as follows:

6 503.590 1. Except as otherwise provided in this section ~~§~~  
7 *and sections 2 to 16, inclusive, of this act*, a person may maintain a  
8 noncommercial collection of legally obtained live wildlife if:

9 (a) Such a collection is not maintained for public display nor as  
10 a part of or adjunct to any commercial establishment; and

11 (b) The wildlife contained in such a collection is of a species  
12 which may be possessed in accordance with regulations adopted by  
13 the Commission pursuant to subsection 2 of NRS 504.295.

14 2. The Commission may adopt reasonable regulations  
15 establishing minimum standards for the fencing or containment of  
16 any collection of wildlife.

17 3. The provisions of this section do not apply to alternative  
18 livestock and products made therefrom.

19 **Sec. 24.** NRS 503.597 is hereby amended to read as follows:

20 503.597 1. Except as otherwise provided in this section ~~§~~  
21 *and sections 2 to 16, inclusive, of this act*, it is unlawful, except by  
22 the written consent and approval of the Department, for any person  
23 at any time to receive, bring or have brought or shipped into this  
24 State, or remove from one stream or body of water in this State to  
25 any other, or from one portion of the State to any other, or to any  
26 other state, any aquatic life or wildlife, or any spawn, eggs or young  
27 of any of them.

28 2. The Department shall require an applicant to conduct an  
29 investigation to confirm that such an introduction or removal will  
30 not be detrimental to the wildlife or the habitat of wildlife in this  
31 State. Written consent and approval of the Department may be given  
32 only if the results of the investigation prove that the introduction,  
33 removal or importation will not be detrimental to existing aquatic  
34 life or wildlife, or any spawn, eggs or young of any of them.

35 3. The Commission may through appropriate regulation  
36 provide for the inspection of such introduced or removed creatures  
37 and the inspection fees therefor.

38 4. ~~The~~ *To the extent that such regulations do not conflict*  
39 *with the provisions of sections 2 to 16, inclusive, of this act, the*  
40 Commission may adopt regulations to prohibit the importation,  
41 transportation or possession of any species of wildlife which the  
42 Commission deems to be detrimental to the wildlife or the habitat of  
43 the wildlife in this State.



1 5. A person who knowingly or intentionally introduces, causes  
2 to be introduced or attempts to introduce an aquatic invasive species  
3 or injurious aquatic species into any waters of this State is guilty of:

4 (a) For a first offense, a misdemeanor; and

5 (b) For any subsequent offense, a category E felony and shall be  
6 punished as provided in NRS 193.130.

7 6. A court before whom a defendant is convicted of a violation  
8 of subsection 5 shall, for each violation, order the defendant to pay a  
9 civil penalty of at least \$25,000 but not more than \$250,000. The  
10 money must be deposited into the Wildlife Account in the State  
11 General Fund and used to:

12 (a) Remove the aquatic invasive species or injurious aquatic  
13 species;

14 (b) Reintroduce any game fish or other aquatic wildlife  
15 destroyed by the aquatic invasive species or injurious aquatic  
16 species;

17 (c) Restore any habitat destroyed by the aquatic invasive species  
18 or injurious aquatic species;

19 (d) Repair any other damage done to the waters of this State by  
20 the introduction of the aquatic invasive species or injurious aquatic  
21 species; and

22 (e) Defray any other costs incurred by the Department because  
23 of the introduction of the aquatic invasive species or injurious  
24 aquatic species.

25 7. The provisions of this section do not apply to:

26 (a) Alternative livestock and products made therefrom; or

27 (b) The introduction of any species by the Department for sport  
28 fishing or other wildlife management programs.

29 8. As used in this section:

30 (a) "Aquatic invasive species" means an aquatic species which  
31 is exotic or not native to this State and which the Commission has  
32 determined to be detrimental to aquatic life, water resources or  
33 infrastructure for providing water in this State.

34 (b) "Injurious aquatic species" means an aquatic species which  
35 the Commission has determined to be a threat to sensitive,  
36 threatened or endangered aquatic species or game fish or to the  
37 habitat of sensitive, threatened or endangered aquatic species or  
38 game fish by any means, including, without limitation:

39 (1) Predation;

40 (2) Parasitism;

41 (3) Interbreeding; or

42 (4) The transmission of disease.

43 **Sec. 25.** NRS 504.295 is hereby amended to read as follows:

44 504.295 1. Except as otherwise provided in this section and  
45 NRS 503.590, *and sections 2 to 16, inclusive, of this act*, or unless



1 otherwise specified by a regulation adopted by the Commission, no  
2 person may:

3 (a) Possess any live wildlife unless the person is licensed by the  
4 Department to do so.

5 (b) Capture live wildlife in this State to stock a commercial or  
6 noncommercial wildlife facility.

7 (c) Possess or release from confinement any mammal for the  
8 purposes of hunting.

9 2. ~~The~~ *To the extent that such regulations do not conflict*  
10 *with the provisions of sections 2 to 16, inclusive, of this act, the*  
11 Commission shall adopt regulations for the possession of live  
12 wildlife. The regulations must set forth the species of wildlife which  
13 may be possessed and propagated, and provide for the inspection by  
14 the Department of any related facilities.

15 3. ~~Ha~~ *Except as otherwise provided in sections 2 to 16,*  
16 *inclusive, of this act, in* accordance with the regulations of the  
17 Commission, the Department may issue commercial and  
18 noncommercial licenses for the possession of live wildlife upon  
19 receipt of the applicable fee.

20 4. The provisions of this section do not apply to alternative  
21 livestock and products made therefrom.

22 **Sec. 26.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2019.







