

HOUSE BILL 2503

By Towns

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 70,  
relative to exotic wildlife.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 70, Chapter 4, Part 4, is amended by  
adding the following as a new section:

The only manner in which Class I wildlife may be disposed of in this state is:

(1) Releasing the Class I wildlife back into its natural habitat, subject to §  
70-4-412;

(2) Returning the Class I wildlife to the transferor from whom the Class I  
wildlife was obtained, if the transferor is permitted to possess the Class I wildlife;

or

(3) Donating the Class I wildlife to a zoo that is permitted to possess the  
Class I wildlife.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2018, the public welfare requiring it.