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## IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sen. MARTINEZ -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Environmental Conservation

AN ACT to amend the environmental conservation law, in relation to wild or exotic animals

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

1 Section 1. Paragraph e of subdivision 6 of section 11-0103 of the  
2 environmental conservation law, as amended by chapter 10 of the laws of  
3 2005, is amended to read as follows:

4 e. "Wild or exotic animal" shall not include "companion animal" as  
5 defined in section three hundred fifty of the agriculture and markets  
6 law. "Wild animal" means indigenous, non-domesticated animals native to  
7 the country in which they live. "Exotic animal" means a wild animal with  
8 an origin of a different continent. Wild or exotic animal includes, and  
9 is limited to, any or all of the following orders and families:

10 (1) Nonhuman primates and prosimians,

11 (2) Felidae and all hybrids thereof, with the exception of the species  
12 Felis catus (domesticated and feral cats, which shall mean domesticated  
13 cats that were formerly owned and that have been abandoned and that are  
14 no longer socialized, as well as offspring of such cats) and hybrids of  
15 Felis catus that are registered by the American Cat Fanciers Association  
16 or the International Cat Association provided that such cats be without  
17 any wild felid parentage for a minimum of five generations,

18 (3) Canidae (with the exception of domesticated dogs and captive bred  
19 fennec foxes (vulpes zerda)),

20 (4) Ursidae,

21 (5) All reptiles that are venomous by nature, pursuant to department  
22 regulation, and the following species and orders: Burmese Python (Python  
23 m. bivittatus), Reticulated Python (Python reticulatus), African Rock  
24 Python (Python sabae), Green Anaconda (Eunectes maurinus), Yellow  
25 Anaconda (Eunectes notaeus), Australian Amethystine Python (Morelia

EXPLANATION--Matter in italics (underscored) is new; matter in brackets  
[-] is old law to be omitted.

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amethistina and Morelia kinghorni), Indian Python (Python molurus), Asiatic (water) Monitor (Varanus salvator), Nile Monitor (Varanus niloticus), White Throat Monitor (Varanus albigularis), Black Throat Monitor (Varanus albigularis ionides) and Crocodile Monitor (Varanus salvadori), Komodo Dragon (Varanus komodensis) and any hybrid thereof,

(6) Crocodylia,

(7) Macropodidae including but not limited to kangaroos, wallabies, tree-kangaroos, wallaroos, pademelons and quokkas,

(8) Cetacea (including whales and dolphins),

(9) Elephantidae (elephants),

(10) Hyaenidae (hyenas),

(11) Perissodactyla (including rhinoceroses, tapirs and zebras),

(12) Pinnipedia (including seals, sea lions and walruses),

(13) Struthio (ostriches),

(14) Casuariiformes (including cassowaries and emus), and

(15) Xenarthra (including sloths, anteaters and armadillos).

§ 2. Paragraph a of subdivision 1 of section 11-0512 of the environmental conservation law, as amended by chapter 326 of the laws of 2012, is amended to read as follows:

a. knowingly possess, harbor, sell, barter, transfer, exchange or import any wild or exotic animal for use as a pet in New York state, except as provided in subdivision three of this section; or

§ 3. This act shall take effect immediately.