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Introduced by M. of A. L. ROSENTHAL -- read once and referred 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 Assem-
bly, do enact as follows:

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

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

(1) Nonhuman primates and prosimians,

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

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

(4) Ursidae,

(5) All reptiles that are venomous by nature, pursuant to department
regulation, and the following species and orders: Burmese Python (Python
m. bivittatus), Reticulated Python (Python reticulatus), African Rock
Python (Python sabae), Green Anaconda (Eunectes maurinus), Yellow
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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1 amethistina and Morelia kinghorni), Indian Python (Python molurus),
2 Asiatic (water) Monitor (Varanus salvator), Nile Monitor (Varanus nilo-
3 citus), White Throat Monitor (Varanus albigularis), Black Throat Monitor
4 (Varanus albigularis ionides) and Crocodile Monitor (Varanus salvadori),
5 Komodo Dragon (Varanus komodensis) and any hybrid thereof,

6 (6) Crocodylia,

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

9 (8) Cetacea (including whales and dolphins),

10 (9) Elephantidae (elephants),

11 (10) Hyaenidae (hyenas),

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

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

14 (13) Struthio (ostriches),

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

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

17 (16) Viverridae (including bearcats),

18 (17) Cynomys, and

19 (18) Capybaras.

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

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

26 § 3. This act shall take effect immediately.