

Subject Turtle Sellers' Licenses

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Overview

This bill would eliminate turtle sellers' licenses and prohibit the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) from renewing or transferring existing licenses. It would also require a recreational turtle license to take turtles and prohibit the use of traps.

Summary

Section	Description
1	Turtle license. Eliminates the turtle seller's license fee and turtle seller's apprentice license fee.
2	Taking turtles; requirements. Requires a recreational turtle license to take turtles (in addition to a resident angling license which is required under current law). Prohibits turtles taken from the wild from being sold and makes other conforming changes needed due to the elimination of the turtle seller's license.
3	License exemptions. Modifies exemptions from the recreational turtle license requirements to conform to the removal of the turtle seller's license and expands an exemption for those participating in nonprofit turtle races for youth. Provides an exemption from licensing requirements for a person with an aquatic farm license with a turtle endorsement or private fish hatchery license with a turtle endorsement.
4	Taking; methods prohibited. Prohibits the use of traps and commercial equipment when taking turtles and makes other changes to conform to the removal of the turtle seller's license.
5	Turtle seller's licenses; transfer and renewal. Prohibits the DNR from renewing or transferring turtle seller's licenses.

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6	<p>Repealer.</p> <p>Repeals statutory provisions establishing turtle seller licensing requirements and the associated rules as well as rules regulating the use of traps and other equipment prohibited under the bill.</p>
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