

Subject Prohibited Animal Parts

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Overview

This bill would prohibit a person from purchasing or selling certain animal parts (including parts that are made of ivory and rhinoceros horns) with some exceptions.

Summary

Section	Description
1	<p>Trade in prohibited animal parts prohibited.</p> <p>Subd. 1. Definitions. Defines “antique,” “prohibited animal part,” and “sell”/“sale” for purposes of the new prohibitions. A “prohibited animal part” includes a tooth or tusk from any species of elephant, hippopotamus, mammoth, mastodon, walrus, whale, or narwhal, and a horn or a piece of a horn from a rhinoceros.</p> <p>Subd. 2. Prohibition. Prohibits a person from purchasing or selling a prohibited animal part if the person knows or should know it is a prohibited animal part.</p> <p>Subd. 3. Exceptions. Provides an exception from the prohibition for sales/purchases that are (1) undertaken as part of law enforcement activities; (2) expressly authorized by law; (3) of an antique; (4) certain musical instruments; and (5) educational or scientific nonprofits. Also specifies that the prohibitions do not apply to the possession of a cultural artifact that contains a prohibited animal part.</p> <p>Subd. 4. Disposition of seized prohibited animal parts. States that prohibited animal parts are forfeited to the state upon conviction and must be destroyed or given to a nonprofit for an educational or scientific purpose.</p> <p>Effective date. The section becomes effective January 1, 2020.</p>
2	<p>Outreach and education.</p> <p>Requires the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to coordinate with interested organizations to provide outreach and education to communities concerned about cultural artifacts and the new requirements.</p>



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