



# Ohio Legislative Service Commission

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## Synopsis of House Committee Amendments\*

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### **Sub. S.B. 310**

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(H. Agriculture & Natural Resources)

Eliminates the authority of the Director of Agriculture to add species of animals to the definition of "dangerous wild animal" and species of snakes to the definition of "restricted snake" and the associated prohibition against the Director's adopting rules designating species of animals or snakes to be included in the applicable definition for at least two years after the bill's effective date, instead states that the Director may recommend to the General Assembly species of animals or snakes to be included in the applicable definitions, and prohibits the Director from adding animals or snakes to the applicable definitions without the approval of the General Assembly.

Specifically excludes from the term "dangerous wild animal" a domesticated animal that is considered livestock as defined in the Department of Agriculture Law.

Requires possessors of marmosets, squirrel monkeys, and capuchins specified in the bill to only register them with the Director rather than requiring them to be classified as dangerous wild animals and thus subject to registration, permitting, and enforcement under the bill as provided in the Senate-passed version, and adds lemurs to the list of nonhuman primates that only have to be registered.

Adds a provision requiring individuals, institutions, and facilities generally exempted under the bill to register the dangerous wild animals that they possess with the Director, but excludes them from other requirements with which registrants must comply such as microchipping.

Authorizes a municipal corporation to adopt and enforce ordinances that are more stringent than the requirements established by the bill and rules adopted under it in order to control dangerous wild animals, restricted snakes, or both within the municipal corporation.

\* This synopsis does not address amendments that may have been adopted on the House Floor.

Removes the authority for a rescue facility to buy a dangerous wild animal and explicitly excludes a rescue facility from acquiring a dangerous wild animal by purchase.

Adds fire chiefs to the list of law enforcement officers that are to receive plans of action for escaped dangerous wild animals and restricted snakes as part of the application process for obtaining a wildlife shelter, wildlife propagation, restricted snake possession, or restricted snake propagation permit.

Revises the wildlife shelter permit fees as follows:

As Passed by the Senate

Number of animals	Amount of permit fee
1-3	\$500
4-15	\$1,000
16 or more	\$2,000

As Reported by H. Agriculture & Natural Resources

Number of animals	Amount of permit fee
1-3	\$250
4-10	\$500
11-15	\$1,000
16 or more	\$1,000 plus an additional \$125 per animal that the applicant possesses in an amount greater than 15 dangerous wild animals

Reduces the required amount of financial responsibility for wildlife shelter permit applicants that possess not more than five dangerous wild animals from \$250,000 to \$200,000.

With regard to the responsibility of owners or possessors of dangerous wild animals or restricted snakes for all reasonable costs associated with a quarantine or

transfer of the animals or snakes, requires a lien to be placed on any property of such an owner or possessor if that person is unable to pay the costs.

Creates the Dangerous Wild Animal State Emergency Response Commission, and requires it to do all of the following:

- establish a state dangerous wild animal emergency response plan for escaped dangerous wild animals;

- appoint members to a dangerous wild animal county emergency response team for each county; and

- approve or reject the emergency response plan submitted to it by each county's dangerous wild animal county emergency response team.

Adds boards of health to the government agencies that can be reimbursed from the Dangerous and Restricted Animal Fund for the costs incurred in conducting investigations and quarantining or transferring a dangerous wild animal or snakes under the bill.

Adds a member representing a board of health to the Dangerous and Restricted Animals Advisory Board.

Makes technical and corrective changes.