

WILDLIFE MODIFICATIONS

2015 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Margaret Dayton

House Sponsor: Mike K. McKell

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill amends provisions related to the release of wildlife.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ establishes criminal penalties for the release, under certain circumstances, of wildlife listed as threatened or endangered under the Endangered Species Act; and
- ▶ makes technical changes.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

AMENDS:

23-13-14, as last amended by Laws of Utah 1986, Chapter 76

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:

Section 1. Section **23-13-14** is amended to read:

23-13-14. Release of wildlife unlawful -- Penalty.

[It is unlawful for any person to release any]

(1) A person may not release a live terrestrial or aquatic wildlife into the wild except as



28 provided in this title~~[. Any]~~ and rules and regulations established by the Wildlife Board in
29 accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act.

30 (2) Except as provided in Subsection (3), a person who violates [the provisions of this
31 section] Subsection (1) is guilty of a class A misdemeanor.

32 (3) A person who knowingly and without lawful authority imports, transports, or
33 releases a live species of wildlife that is listed as threatened or endangered, or is a candidate to
34 be listed under the Endangered Species Act, 16 U.S.C. Sec. 1531 et seq., with the intent to
35 establish the presence of that species in an area of the state not currently known to be occupied
36 by a reproducing population of that species is guilty of a third degree felony.

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