

**WILDLIFE MODIFICATIONS**

2015 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Chief Sponsor: Margaret Dayton**

House Sponsor: Mike K. McKell

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**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

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*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 ~~H~~→ **the person knows** ←~~H~~ is listed as threatened or  
33a 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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