

# Captive Wildlife Regulations

## Reptiles



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# Rule Summary

## **68A-1.004 - Definitions.**

- Establishes definitions for the terms **"captive wildlife"**, **"critical incident"**, **"disaster"**, **"relative"**, **"reptiles of concern"**, **"venomous reptile"** and redefines the term **"person"** to be consistent with section 1.01 F.S..



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# Rule Summary

## **68A-6.0022 - Possession of Class I, II, or III Wildlife in Captivity; Permit Requirements.**

- Clarifies how an applicant's previous convictions of captive wildlife violations will determine whether or not they qualified for a permit.
- Establishes who may offer references as to the applicant's experience
- States that providing false information of experience is a violation.
- Requires that each applicant must document in writing actions that would be taken in preparation for disasters and critical incidents.



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## **68A-6.004 - Standard Caging Requirements for Captive Wildlife.**

- Adds additional caging requirements for arboreal species of snakes and lizards, blood pythons and large constrictors.



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# Rule Summary

## **68A-6.007 - Possession, Transportation, Exhibition and Caging Venomous Reptiles and Reptiles of Concern; Prohibited Species.** **(NEW RULE)**

- Establishes a list of reptiles of concern and their caging requirements.
- For possessing venomous reptiles, the rule will allow, as an alternative to 1000 hours of experience, successful completion of an examination plus five hundred (500) hours of experience.
- Out building and cage marking or identification will be required if used for housing venomous reptiles.
- Bite or exposure protocols and disaster/critical incident plans will be required as well.



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# Rule Summary

## **68A-6.0071 - Record Keeping and Reporting Requirements.** (NEW RULE)

- Requires possessors of venomous reptiles and reptiles of concern to maintain records of births, deaths, acquisitions, sales and transfers.

## **68A-6.0072 – Identification of Non-Native Venomous Reptiles and Reptiles of Concern; Escape.** (NEW RULE)

- Requires non-native venomous reptiles and reptiles of concern to be permanently marked or identified.
- Any escapes to be reported to the Commission immediately upon discovery.



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# Proposed 2007 Legislative Bill

## **Section 372.86 F.S.**

- Requires a license for the capturing, keeping, possessing, transporting or exhibiting venomous reptiles or reptiles of concern.
- Requires the Commission to establish a list of Reptiles of Concern.
- Addresses the safe and secure housing, transportation and handling of venomous reptiles and reptiles of concern.
- Effective date: January 1, 2008



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# Proposed 2007 Legislative Bill

## Section 372.87 F.S.

- Requires a \$100.00 license for venomous reptiles.
- Requires an initial fee of \$100.00 for a license for reptiles of concern. This fee may be reduced depending on compliance.



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# Proposed 2007 Legislative Bill

## Section 372.88 F.S.

- Requires posting of a \$10,000 bond, payable to the Commission, if exhibiting venomous reptiles or Class I wildlife.
- The bond is to be used for all such injuries or damages caused by venomous reptiles or Class I wildlife.



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# Proposed 2007 Legislative Bill

## Section 372.92 F.S.

- Creates a penalty for the knowing or negligent release or escape of non-native venomous reptiles or reptiles of concern.
- Level 3 violation:
  - First violation:
    - 1<sup>st</sup> Degree misdemeanor (\$0- \$1000 fine and/or up to one year in jail).
  - Second violation within 10 years:
    - 1<sup>st</sup> Degree misdemeanor, minimum fine \$750.00 and up to \$1000.00 and/or up to one year in jail, and permanent revocation of license or permit.



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# Proposed 2007 Legislative Bill

## Section 372.935 F.S.

- Captive Wildlife Penalties
  - Creates Levels I through IV with increasing penalties, license suspensions and revocations.



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# Questions?



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