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WOJNAROSKI AND YOUNGBLOOD, APRIL 15, 2004

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS,
APRIL 15, 2004

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of March 3, 1972 (P.L.102, No.37), entitled "An
2 act regulating the importation and sale of live turtles and
3 providing for permits to be issued by the Department of
4 Health," by repealing certain provisions related to permits
5 and certification.

6 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
7 hereby enacts as follows:

8 Section 1. Section 1 of the act of March 3, 1972 (P.L.102,
9 No.37), entitled "An act regulating the importation and sale of
10 live turtles and providing for permits to be issued by the
11 Department of Health," is amended to read:

12 Section 1. [(a)] No person shall [bring, cause to be
13 brought, or transport any live turtle into the Commonwealth of
14 Pennsylvania, unless] sell, hold for sale or offer for any type
15 of commercial or public distribution any live turtle or lot of
16 turtles in this Commonwealth, if the sale, holding for sale or
17 offering for any type of commercial or public distribution of
18 such turtle or lot of turtles is [accompanied with a permit
19 issued by the Department of Health or other agency authorized by

1 the Department of Health to issue a permit] prohibited by 21 CFR
2 § 1240.62 (relating to turtles intrastate and interstate
3 requirements).

4 [(b) A permit shall be issued upon request if there is
5 adequate bacteriological proof that the turtles are free of
6 salmonellae.

7 (c) Adequate bacteriological proof as used in this act shall
8 consist of a statement issued by the chief public health
9 official or his designated representative of the state from
10 which the lot of turtles is shipped, certifying that the turtles
11 have been found free of salmonellae based upon laboratory
12 examination of six consecutive specimens taken at intervals of
13 not less than three days found to be negative for salmonellae in
14 a laboratory approved for this purpose by the health authorities
15 of the jurisdiction from which the turtles originate.]

16 Section 2. Sections 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 of the act are
17 repealed.

18 Section 3. Section 7 of the act is amended to read:

19 Section 7. Instructions designating the proper care and
20 treatment of live turtles and information from the Centers for
21 Disease Control and Prevention on human salmonellosis infection
22 associated with reptiles shall accompany each retail sale of any
23 turtle and shall be distributed to the purchaser by the seller
24 thereof at the time of the sale.

25 Section 4. This act shall take effect immediately.