



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 1273

PRINTERS NO. 1540

PRIME SPONSOR: Zimmerman

COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2017/18	FY 2018/19
General Fund	\$0	\$0
Game Fund	\$0	\$0

SUMMARY: Amends Title 34 (Game and Wildlife Code) to further define “exotic wildlife” for permitting purposes related to possession of such species; and specifically exempt certain animals from permitting considered domestic, livestock and “pocket pets”, such as sugar gliders and hedgehogs, whose possession was previously banned by the PA Game Commission.

ANALYSIS: HB 1273 amends Title 34, Subchapter D (Relating to Exotic Wildlife Permits), Section 2961 (relating to Definitions of Exotic Wildlife) to more clearly “Exotic Wildlife” for the purposes of permitting, to include all non-indigenous animals and the following: nonhuman primates, bears, coyotes, wolves, bobcat, lions, tigers, leopards, jaguars, cheetahs, cougars and any crossbreed of the animals specified having similar characteristics in appearance or features. The term will not apply to any birds, equines, camels, alpacas, llamas, deer, moose, elk, bovines, rats, mice, hamsters, gerbils, chinchillas, rabbits and hares, hedgehogs, moonrats, sugar gliders, striped possums, ferrets, domestic guinea pigs or any “domestic animal” as defined in Title 18 (Crimes Code) Section 5511 (Relating to Cruelty to Animals). The new language also includes scientific names for further clarity.

Effective date: 60 days.

FISCAL IMPACT: Enactment of this legislation would have no adverse fiscal impact on Commonwealth funds.

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DATE: May 22, 2018

Estimates are calculated using the best information available. Actual costs and revenue impact incurred may vary from estimates.