

SENATE BILL NO. 251

BY SENATOR WARD

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 56:116.2, relative to the sale or purchase of wild birds and wild
3 quadrupeds; to provide prohibitions on the sale, purchase, trade, barter, or exchange
4 or attempt to sell, purchase, trade, barter, or exchange of certain wild birds and wild
5 quadrupeds; to provide certain exemptions; to provide terms, conditions, and
6 requirements; and to provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 56:116.2 is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

9 §116.2. Wild birds and wild quadrupeds; sales, purchases of parts prohibited;
10 exceptions

11 A.(1) No person shall sell, ~~or offer to sell,~~ or purchase, **trade, barter, or**
12 **exchange or attempt to sell, purchase, trade, barter, or exchange** any game
13 quadruped, or any part or portion thereof, wild bird, or the plumage, aigrettes, skin,
14 or body thereof, except as provided in R.S. 56:171 through 181 and except as
15 provided in Subsection B of this Section. Each sale, ~~or offer to sell or purchase,~~
16 **trade, barter, or exchange or attempt to sell, purchase, trade, barter, or**
17 **exchange** of each game quadruped or wild bird, or any part or portion thereof,
18 constitutes a separate offense under the provisions of this Subsection.

19 (2) Violation of the provisions of Paragraph (1) of this Subsection, except
20 for the sale, **purchase, trade, barter, or exchange or attempt to sell, purchase,**
21 **trade, barter, or exchange** of squirrels or wild rabbits or their parts, constitutes a
22 class 5-A violation. If a violation of Paragraph (1) involves the sale, ~~or purchase,~~
23 **trade, barter, or exchange or attempt to sell, purchase, trade, barter, or**
24 **exchange** of squirrels or wild rabbits, or parts or portions thereof, the penalty
25 imposed shall be a class three violation.

26 B. The provisions of Subsection A of this Section shall not prevent the sale,
27 **purchase, trade, barter, or exchange or attempt to sell, purchase, trade, barter,**

1 or exchange of tails or hides, or both, of legally taken squirrels or the sale,
 2 purchase, trade, barter, or exchange or the attempt to sell, purchase, trade,
 3 barter, or exchange of hides of legally taken deer to licensed fur buyers and
 4 licensed fur dealers, provided that the sale, purchase, trade, barter, or exchange
 5 or attempt to sell, purchase, trade, barter, or exchange of any such tails or hides
 6 is made within ten days of the close of the squirrel or deer hunting season, as
 7 applicable. Fur buyers shall dispose of any such tails or hides within thirty days of
 8 the close of the squirrel or deer hunting season, as applicable. Any fur dealer having
 9 such tails or hides in his possession after the close of the squirrel or deer hunting
 10 season, as applicable, shall file with the department within thirty days of the close
 11 of said season, and at sixty-day intervals thereafter, a complete report, under oath,
 12 on forms procured from the department. The report shall contain the name and
 13 address of all persons from whom the tails or hides were purchased, traded,
 14 bartered, or exchanged and the place and date of purchase, trade, barter, or
 15 exchange. Violation of the provisions of this Subsection constitutes a class three
 16 violation.

17 C. The provisions of this Section shall not apply to deer antlers or to any
 18 unclaimed specimen left in the possession of a taxidermist, provided that he
 19 meets the requirements of R.S. 9:192.

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____