

2022 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 541

BY REPRESENTATIVE HILFERTY

WILDLIFE/ENFORCEMENT: Prohibits the feeding of wild alligators

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 56:292, relative to wild quadrupeds; to prohibit the feeding of wild alligators;
3 to provide exceptions; and to provide for related matters.

4 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

5 Section 1. R.S. 56:292 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

6 §292. Feeding of wild alligators prohibited

7 A. No person shall intentionally feed or attempt to feed a wild alligator.

8 B. The provisions of this Section shall not apply to a person who in the
9 performance of his official duties feeds an alligator maintained in captivity in a
10 licensed alligator farm, exhibit, zoo, university or research facility, or educational
11 display, or any department employee, university researcher, or licensed alligator
12 trapper, when authorized to use bait to trap or capture alligators.

13 C. Any violation of this Section shall be a class 2-A violation punishable as
14 provided in R.S. 56:32. The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission is authorized to
15 adopt, in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act, rules and regulations
16 for the administration and enforcement of this Section.

 DIGEST

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Abstract: Prohibits the feeding of wild alligators.

Proposed law prohibits the feeding of wild alligators.

Proposed law exempts people who in the performance of their official duties feed alligators maintained in captivity in licensed alligator farms, exhibits, zoos, university or research facilities, or in educational displays. Further exempts department employees, university researchers, and licensed alligator trappers who are authorized to use bait to trap or capture alligators.

Proposed law provides that a violation is a class 2-A violation punishable as follows:

1 st offense	\$100 - \$350
2 nd offense	\$300 - \$550
3 rd + offenses	\$500 - \$750

Proposed law allows the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to adopt rules and regulations in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act for the administration and enforcement of proposed law.

(Adds R.S. 56:292)