## **DIGEST**

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**Abstract:** Prohibits the feeding of wild alligators.

Proposed law prohibits the feeding of wild alligators.

<u>Proposed law</u> 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<sup>st</sup> offense \$100 - \$350

2<sup>nd</sup> offense \$300 - \$550

 $3^{\text{rd}}$  + offenses \$500 - \$750

<u>Proposed law</u> 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)