

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

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New law provides for wildlife held in violation of existing law that is seized by the dept. and specifies that such wildlife will be referred to as "contraband wildlife".

New law provides for contraband wildlife to be evaluated by dept. field staff or by a veterinarian to determine its disposition.

New law provides for the disposition order of preference to include release when possible, rehabilitation when possible with a permitted rehabilitator, placement at an appropriate facility when possible, and euthanasia when no other possibilities exist.

New law provides for the enumerated conditions which must be met for euthanasia.

New law requires that euthanasia is performed in accordance with the most current accepted guidelines by the American Veterinary Medical Association.

Effective August 1, 2026.

(Adds R.S. 56:126.1)