

HOUSE BILL 598

Introduced by Clark, et al.

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1 *House* BILL NO. *598*
 2 INTRODUCED BY *TAMIA O'Neil*
 3 *J. Flannery, Lee Brink, Ryan Fickner, Mercer Cobb, M. Harrison, R. O'Connell*
 4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE
 5 PROTECTION OF CERTAIN ALBINO WILD ANIMALS BY PROHIBITING THE
 6 POSSESSION, TRANSPORTATION, OR KILLING OF AN ALBINO WILD
 7 BIRD, MAMMAL, OR FISH; DEFINING ALBINO; AND PROVIDING
 8 EXCEPTIONS."
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10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

11 NEW SECTION. Section 1. Restrictions regarding albino
 12 animals -- exceptions. (1) It is unlawful and a misdemeanor
 13 for a person to possess, transport, or kill any wild bird,
 14 mammal, or fish that exhibits 75% or more white coloration
 15 or albino characteristics.

16 (2) As used in this section, "albino" means a genetic
 17 condition, characterized by a lack of pigmentation that
 18 causes feathers, hair, skin, or scales to take on a white or
 19 pink coloration, that is found in a wild bird, mammal, or
 20 fish.

21 (3) The restrictions in subsection (1) do not apply to:

22 (a) a swan, goose, ermine, snowshoe hare, jackrabbit,
 23 or other wild animal that is naturally white or that changes
 24 color with the seasons and does not exhibit any albino
 25 characteristics; and

1 (b) animals raised or kept as part of a commercial
 2 activity licensed under Title 87, chapter 4.

3 NEW SECTION. Section 2. Codification instruction.
 4 [Section 1] is intended to be codified as an integral part
 5 of Title 87, chapter 3, part 1, and the provisions of Title
 6 87, chapter 3, part 1, apply to [section 1].

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