

AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY JULY 14, 2001

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**SENATE BILL**

**No. 1093**

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**Introduced by Senators Johannessen, Alpert, and Figueroa  
(Coauthors: Senators Battin, Haynes, Kuehl, Monteith, and  
Oller)**

(Coauthors: Assembly Members Aanestad, Koretz, Leach, Maddox,  
Maldonado, Runner, and Strickland)

February 23, 2001

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~~An act to add Chapter 2.5 (commencing with Section 2220) to  
Division 3 of the Fish and Game Code, relating to wild animals, and An  
act relating to wild animals, and making an appropriation therefor.~~

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1093, as amended, Johannessen. Wild animals: domestic ferrets.

Existing law prohibits the importation, transportation, possession, or release into this state of certain wild animals without a permit issued by the Department of Fish and Game.

*This bill would appropriate \$250,000 from the General Fund to the Department of Fish and Game for the purpose of preparing an environmental impact report pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act, to be used by the Fish and Game Commission to determine whether or not to remove the domestic ferret (*Mustela putorius furo*) from the list of prohibited species.*

~~This bill would provide, notwithstanding any other provision of law, that any person who owns a domestic ferret on May 1, 2001, is deemed~~

to own the ferret legally on and after January 1, 2002, if on or before January 1, 2002, the owner of the ferret maintains, and is able to produce, documentation showing that the ferret has been spayed or neutered and vaccinated against rabies with a vaccine approved for use in ferrets by the United States Department of Agriculture and administered in accordance with the recommendations of the vaccine manufacturer. The bill would authorize a county to adopt an ordinance that provides for licensing requirements, enforcement methods, and other regulatory measures related to the ownership or possession of a ferret in that county.

Existing law continuously appropriates money in the Fish and Game Preservation Fund to the commission and the department to pay all necessary expenses incurred in carrying out any law for the protection and preservation of birds, mammals, reptiles, and fish.

By imposing new duties on the commission, this bill would make an appropriation.

Vote: majority<sup>2/3</sup>. Appropriation: yes. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1 ~~SECTION 1.—Chapter 2.5 (commencing with Section 2220) is~~  
2 ~~SECTION 1. The sum of two hundred fifty thousand dollars~~  
3 ~~(\$250,000) is hereby appropriated from the General Fund to the~~  
4 ~~Department of Fish and Game for the purpose of preparing an~~  
5 ~~environmental impact report pursuant to the California~~  
6 ~~Environmental Quality Act (Division 13 (commencing with~~  
7 ~~Section 21000) of the Public Resources Code), to be used by the~~  
8 ~~Fish and Game Commission to determine whether or not to remove~~  
9 ~~the domestic ferret (*Mustela putorius furo*) from the list of~~  
10 ~~prohibited species.~~

11 ~~added to Division 3 of the Fish and Game Code, to read:~~

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13 ~~CHAPTER 2.5.—DOMESTIC FERRETS~~

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15 ~~2220.—(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, any~~  
16 ~~person who owns a domestic ferret (*Mustela furo*) on May 1, 2001,~~  
17 ~~shall be deemed to own the ferret legally on and after January 1,~~  
18 ~~2002, if all of the following conditions are met:~~



1 ~~(1) On or before January 1, 2002, the owner of the ferret shall~~  
2 ~~maintain, and be able to produce, documentation showing that the~~  
3 ~~ferret has been spayed or neutered, and vaccinated against rabies~~  
4 ~~with a vaccine approved for use in ferrets by the United States~~  
5 ~~Department of Agriculture and administered in accordance with~~  
6 ~~the recommendations of the vaccine manufacturer.~~

7 ~~(2) If the ferret is spayed or neutered in California, the~~  
8 ~~procedure shall be performed by a licensed veterinarian.~~

9 ~~(b) Any county may adopt an ordinance that provides for~~  
10 ~~licensing requirements, enforcement methods, and other~~  
11 ~~regulatory measures related to the ownership or possession of a~~  
12 ~~ferret in that county.~~

13 ~~SEC. 2.—The commission, based on relevant information and~~  
14 ~~public testimony, shall make a determination whether to remove~~  
15 ~~the ferret from the list of prohibited species. The commission shall~~  
16 ~~commence public testimony by October 2003.~~

