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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2013–14 REGULAR SESSION

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 2075**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Alejo**  
**(Coauthor: Assembly Member Garcia)**

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An act to amend Section 653o of the Penal Code, relating to crimes.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2075, as amended, Alejo. Crimes: importation or sale of endangered animals.

Existing law makes it a misdemeanor, after January 1, 2015, to import into the state for commercial purposes, to possess with intent to sell, or to sell within the state, the dead body, or any part or product thereof, of an alligator or crocodylian species.

This bill would delay the effective date of this provision until January 1, ~~2025~~. 2020.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.  
State-mandated local program: no.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 653o of the Penal Code, as amended by  
2 Section 2 of Chapter 412 of the Statutes of 2010, is amended to  
3 read:  
4 653o. (a) It is unlawful to import into this state for commercial  
5 purposes, to possess with intent to sell, or to sell within the state,

1 the dead body, or any part or product thereof, of a polar bear,  
2 leopard, ocelot, tiger, cheetah, jaguar, sable antelope, wolf (*Canis*  
3 *lupus*), zebra, whale, cobra, python, sea turtle, colobus monkey,  
4 kangaroo, vicuna, sea otter, free-roaming feral horse, dolphin or  
5 porpoise (*Delphinidae*), Spanish lynx, or elephant.

6 (b) (1) Commencing January 1, ~~2025~~, 2020, it shall be unlawful  
7 to import into this state for commercial purposes, to possess with  
8 intent to sell, or to sell within the state, the dead body, or any part  
9 or product thereof, of a crocodile or alligator.

10 (2) This subdivision shall not be construed to authorize the  
11 importation or sale of any alligator or crocodilian species, or any  
12 products thereof, that are listed as endangered under the federal  
13 Endangered Species Act, or to allow the importation or sale of any  
14 alligator or crocodilian species, or any products thereof, in violation  
15 of any federal law or international treaty to which the United States  
16 is a party.

17 (c) A person who violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor  
18 and shall be subject to a fine of not less than one thousand dollars  
19 (\$1,000) and not to exceed five thousand dollars (\$5,000) or  
20 imprisonment in the county jail not to exceed six months, or both  
21 that fine and imprisonment, for each violation.

22 (d) The prohibitions against importation for commercial  
23 purposes, possession with intent to sell, and sale of the species  
24 listed in this section are severable. A finding of the invalidity of  
25 any one or more prohibitions shall not affect the validity of any  
26 remaining prohibitions.

27 (e) This section shall become operative on January 1, 2016.