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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—1999–2000 REGULAR SESSION

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 2795**

**Introduced by Assembly Member Florez**

February 28, 2000

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An act to amend Section 5050 of the Fish and Game Code, relating to reptiles and amphibians, and making an appropriation therefor.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2795, as amended, Florez. Fully protected reptiles and amphibians.

(1) Existing law prohibits the taking or possession of fully protected reptiles and amphibians, or parts thereof, except as specified.

This bill would authorize the Department of Fish and Game to authorize the taking of a blunt-nosed leopard lizard if the species is considered a covered species under a ~~habitat conservation plan~~ or natural community conservation plan ~~and if that plan provides for conservation of the species, as prescribed.~~

(2) Existing law continuously appropriates money in the Fish and Game Preservation Fund to the department to pay all necessary expenses incurred in carrying out the Fish and

Game Code and any other law for the protection and preservation of birds, mammals, reptiles, and fish.

This bill would make an appropriation by imposing new duties on the department payable from that fund.

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

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 5050 of the Fish and Game Code  
2 is amended to read:

3 5050. (a) Except as provided in subdivision (b), fully  
4 protected reptiles and amphibians or parts thereof may  
5 not be taken or possessed at any time and no provision of  
6 this code or any other law shall be construed to authorize  
7 the issuance of permits or licenses to take any fully  
8 protected reptile or amphibian and no permits or licenses  
9 previously issued shall have any force or effect for that  
10 purpose.

11 (b) The commission or department may authorize the  
12 taking or possession of a fully protected reptile or  
13 amphibian under the following circumstances:

14 (1) The commission may authorize the collecting of a  
15 fully protected reptile or amphibian for necessary  
16 scientific research.

17 (2) The department may authorize the taking of the  
18 blunt-nosed leopard lizard (*Crotaphytus wislizenii silus*)  
19 if the species is considered a covered species under a  
20 ~~habitat conservation plan or natural community~~  
21 ~~conservation plan, and if the plan provides for~~  
22 ~~conservation of the species.~~ *conservation plan pursuant*  
23 *to Chapter 10 (commencing with Section 2800).*

24 (3) Legally imported fully protected reptiles or  
25 amphibians or parts thereof may be possessed under a  
26 permit issued by the department.

27 (c) The following are fully protected reptiles and  
28 amphibians:

29 (1) Blunt-nosed leopard lizard (*Crotaphytus wislizenii*  
30 *silus*).



- 1 (2) San Francisco garter snake (*Thamnophis sirtalis*
- 2 *tetrataenia*).
- 3 (3) Santa Cruz long-toed salamander (*Ambystoma*
- 4 *macrodactylum croceum*).
- 5 (4) Limestone salamander (*Hydromantes brunus*).
- 6 (5) Black toad (*Bufo boreas exsul*).

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