

1 INTERIM RESOLUTION 2011-004

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3 REQUESTING THE INTERIM HOUSE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY
4 AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TO REVIEW THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE
5 ARKANSAS GAME AND FISH COMMISSION'S NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC OF ITS
6 REGULATIONS CONCERNING CAPTIVE WILDLIFE AND TO ENCOURAGE THE
7 ARKANSAS GAME AND FISH COMMISSION TO PROVIDE CLEAR,
8 COMPREHENSIVE, AND EFFECTIVE NOTIFICATION TO THE PUBLIC OF ITS
9 REGULATIONS CONCERNING CAPTIVE WILDLIFE.

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11 WHEREAS, the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission has the authority to
12 regulate the possession and importation of captive wildlife; and

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14 WHEREAS, the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission has promulgated
15 regulations prohibiting the importation of live waterfowl in most
16 circumstances; and

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18 WHEREAS, the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission has provided penalties,
19 including without limitation fines, for failure to comply with its
20 regulations; and

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22 WHEREAS, the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission's regulations are
23 published on the website of the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission but are not
24 otherwise provided to the public; and

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26 WHEREAS, the Arkansas public may not be aware of the regulations
27 concerning captive wildlife, and specifically, live waterfowl; and

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29 WHEREAS, the Arkansas public may be subject to significant fines
30 resulting from lack of notification and awareness of the Arkansas Game and
31 Fish Commission's regulations,

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33 NOW THEREFORE,

34 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE INTERIM HOUSE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY AND
35 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF THE EIGHTY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF
36 ARKANSAS:

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THAT the Interim House Committee On Agriculture, Forestry and Economic Development request the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission to review its process and procedures for notifying the public of its regulations concerning captive wildlife and to ensure that it provides clear, comprehensive, and effective notice to the public of its regulations concerning live waterfowl and other captive wildlife.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon adoption of this resolution, a copy of this resolution shall be transmitted to the Director of the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission.

Respectfully submitted,

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