

CONCISE EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

In accordance with the Administrative Procedures Act, Section §42-35-2.6 of the General Laws of Rhode Island, following is a concise explanatory statement for the below identified regulation, which will be subject to a public hearing on May 12, 2026.

AGENCY: Department of Environmental Management

DIVISION: Fish and Wildlife

RULE IDENTIFIER: 250-RICR-40-05-3

RULE TITLE: Rules and Regulations Governing Importation and Possession of Wild Animals

REASON FOR RULEMAKING: The purpose of these regulations is to establish the standards under which wild animals may be permitted, imported and possessed as a pet.

3.6(A)2 Added “Dealer” to the definitions,
3.6(A)16 Edited “Pet shop” definition to include dealers,
3.8(A) Provided exemptions for dealers in possession,
3.17(A)1(a) Add restriction for African land snails,
3.17(A)2(a) Correct language,
3.17(A)4(b) Clarify the speciation of rat snakes.

TESTIMONY AND COMMENTS (for not adopting a proposed rule): See Director’s Memo.

CHANGES TO TEXT (between proposed and final rule): See Director’s Memo.

REGULATORY ANALYSIS: Remove the tegu permit language from 3.17(A)4(C)2(c)