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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO ANIMAL WELFARE.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:**

1 SECTION 1. Section 159-3, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended by amending the definition of "exotic animal" to read as  
3 follows:

4 "Exotic animal" means any cloven-hoofed ruminant animal  
5 considered feral in nature, other than domestic cattle, sheep,  
6 goats, or equines. For the purposes of this chapter, bears and  
7 domestic rabbits shall be considered exotic animals."

8 SECTION 2. Section 159-34, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
9 amended to read as follows:

10 "[+]§159-34[+] **Prohibitions.** (a) The preparation, sale,  
11 offering for sale, or transportation or receipt for  
12 transportation in intrastate commerce of meat and meat products  
13 derived from exotic animals, unless inspected and passed as  
14 provided for under this part, is prohibited. Violators shall be  
15 subject to all requirements and penalties of this chapter.

16 (b) Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, no  
17 person shall buy, sell, transport, deliver, offer for sale or  
18 transportation, or receive for transportation in intrastate



1 commerce, any bear gallbladders or bile, or any product, item,  
2 or substance containing, labeled, or advertised as containing  
3 bear gallbladders or bile. The possession of any bear  
4 gallbladders or bile, or any product, item, or substance  
5 containing, labeled, or advertised as containing bear  
6 gallbladders or bile is prima facie evidence of a violation of  
7 this subsection. The exemptions set forth in section 159-29  
8 shall not apply to violations of this subsection."

9 SECTION 3. This Act does not affect rights and duties that  
10 matured, penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that were  
11 begun before its effective date.

12 SECTION 4. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
13 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

14 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on January 7, 2059.



**Report Title:**

Exotic Animals; Bears; Prohibitions; Intrastate Commerce

**Description:**

Prohibits the purchase, sale, transportation, and delivery of any product, item, or substance containing, labeled, or advertised as containing bear gallbladders or bile. Effective January 7, 2059. (HB2296 HD1)

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