

ACT 214

H. B. NO. 653

A Bill for an Act Amending Section 150-2(5) and Section 150-3 of the Hawaii Revised Statutes Relating to Prohibition Against Importation of Certain Articles.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii:

SECTION 1. Section 150-2(5), Hawaii Revised Statutes, is hereby amended to read as follows:

“(5) Any live snake, flying fox, fruit bat, Gila monster, or injurious insect in any stage of development, or any other animals that might cause damage or become injurious or detrimental to the agricultural or horticultural industries or to the forests of the state; provided that a government agency may bring into and maintain in the state not more than two live, non-venomous snakes of the male sex solely for the purpose of exhibition in a public zoological park, but only after the board of agriculture is presented with satisfactory evidence that the sex of the snakes was established to be male prior to the shipment, and after the board gives written approval conditioned upon such terms as the board may deem necessary, which terms shall include the continuing supervision and control by the board and shall provide that the board may determine the manner in which such snakes shall be disposed of or destroyed. In case of the death of one or both snakes, the government agency may import and maintain replacements subject to the above conditions.”

SECTION 2. The second paragraph of Section 150-3, HRS, is hereby amended to read as follows:

“Any or all living creatures mentioned in section 150-2 brought to the state shall be seized immediately upon discovery and be destroyed or sent out of the state, at the discretion of the chief plant inspector or his assistant; any

expense or loss in connection therewith to be borne by the owner or his responsible agent. The foregoing shall not apply to any snake which is brought into the state by a governmental agency solely for the purpose of exhibition in a public zoological park pursuant to section 150-2(5).”

SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

(Became law July 17, 1970, without Governor's signature pursuant to State Constitution Art. III, §17.)