

**115-20-4. Possession of certain wildlife.** (a) Any person possessing one of the following animals shall be required to obtain a possession permit:

- (1) mountain lion, *Felis concolor* Linnaeus;
- (2) wolf, *Canis lupus* Say;
- (3) black bear, *Ursus americanus* Pallas; and
- (4) grizzly bear, *Ursus arctos horribilis* Ord.

(b) Any individual may apply to the secretary for a possession permit. The applicant shall provide the following information:

- (1) the name of the applicant;
- (2) the address of the applicant;
- (3) the telephone number of the applicant;
- (4) the species and number of wildlife for which the possession permit is requested;
- (5) the purpose for which the wildlife would be possessed;
- (6) proof of purchase or receipt;
- (7) other information as requested by the secretary.

(c) Each permittee shall submit a report to the department describing changes in wildlife possession as authorized by the possession permit. The report shall be submitted within five days after the change occurred, except that the escape of any possessed wildlife shall be reported within 24 hours. Changes for which a report shall be required include:

- (1) any possessed wildlife sold or otherwise disposed of;
- (2) any wildlife purchased or otherwise acquired;
- (3) the death of any possessed wildlife; or
- (4) the escape of any possessed wildlife.

(d) Each permittee shall only possess wildlife species and numbers as authorized in the possession permit.

(e) The possession permit shall be valid from date of issue and shall expire upon request of the permittee or as so ordered by any legal authority.

(f) The possession of wildlife listed in subsection (a) shall be subject to all federal and state laws and regulations and to all local ordinances.

(g) The provisions of this regulation shall not apply to:

(1) zoos;

(2) licensed veterinarians;

(3) transportation of such wildlife through the state;

(4) possession of such wildlife when the possession shall not exceed five days; or

(5) such wildlife possessed for scientific, educational or display purposes by:

(A) a school or university; or

(B) a circus or other similar business enterprise offering public viewing opportunity.

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