

ACT 126

H.B. NO. 2296

A Bill for an Act Relating to Animal Welfare.

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

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

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

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

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

~~(b) Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, no person shall buy, sell, transport, deliver, offer for sale or transportation, or receive for transportation in commerce, any bear gallbladders or bile, or any product, item, or substance containing, labeled, or advertised as containing bear gallbladders or bile. The possession of any bear gallbladders or bile, or any product, item, or substance containing, labeled, or advertised as containing bear gallbladders or bile is prima facie evidence of a violation of this subsection. The exemptions set forth in section 159-29 shall not apply to violations of this subsection.”~~

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

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 Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed and stricken.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

SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

(Approved June 15, 2012.)