

## CHAPTER 4

AN ACT

SB 1584

Relating to applications for exotic animal permits; and declaring an emergency.

**Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

**SECTION 1.** (1) As used in this section, “exotic animal” has the meaning given that term in ORS 609.305.

(2) Notwithstanding ORS 609.341 (1), the State Department of Agriculture may issue a permit for the keeping of an exotic animal to a person that applies for the permit on or after the effective date of this 2014 Act and on or before December 31, 2014, if:

(a) The person submits proof satisfactory to the department that the exotic animal has been regularly kept at a place of control or confinement in this state since a date prior to January 1, 2010;

(b) The exotic animal is of a type described in ORS 609.305 (1);

(c) The person has a disability as described in ORS 659A.104 and a physician has recommended keeping the exotic animal to alleviate effects of the disability;

(d) The person submits any additional proof or information the department deems relevant for the purpose of determining whether to issue a permit under this section;

(e) The person complies with rules adopted by the department under ORS 609.335; and

(f) The department has not denied a previous application for a permit for the exotic animal.

(3) The department may charge a fee for the issuance of a permit under this section, not to exceed \$300. Upon issuance, the permit shall be

subject to the same terms and conditions as a permit issued under ORS 609.351.

(4) Notwithstanding ORS 609.341, a person may maintain possession of an exotic animal while awaiting department action on a permit application if:

(a) The person has applied under this section for a permit for the exotic animal;

(b) The department has not denied a previous application for a permit for the exotic animal; and

(c) The person maintains care and custody of the exotic animal under conditions that conform with rules adopted by the department under ORS 609.335.

**SECTION 2.** The State Department of Agriculture shall issue or deny an exotic animal permit applied for under section 1 of this 2014 Act no later than December 31, 2015.

**SECTION 3.** (1) Section 1 of this 2014 Act is repealed January 2, 2017.

(2) The repeal of section 1 of this 2014 Act by subsection (1) of this section does not:

(a) Affect the validity, terms or conditions of any permit issued for an exotic animal under section 1 of this 2014 Act; or

(b) Terminate any administrative or judicial proceeding pending on January 2, 2017, regarding a State Department of Agriculture decision to issue or deny a permit under section 1 of this 2014 Act.

**SECTION 4.** This 2014 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2014 Act takes effect on its passage.

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