

S.F. No. 1394 – Turtle Taking Provisions Modifications

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Section 1 [Turtle Dealer License Fee Repeal] repeals language setting fees for turtle dealer licenses.

Section 2 [Sale Prohibition; Taking Requires License] prohibits sale of turtles and prohibits taking of turtles without a recreational turtle license.

Section 3 [Licensure Exemptions] exempts from licensure requirements:

- purchasing a turtle at a retail outlet;
- taking, possessing, or renting up to 25 turtles for the purpose of participating in a nonprofit turtle race; and
- selling, obtaining, possessing, transporting, and propagating by a private fish hatchery or by a person with an aquatic farm license with a turtle endorsement.

Section 4 [Trapping Prohibition Exception Repeal] repeals exceptions to the general prohibition on taking turtles by the use of traps.

Section 5 [Halt to Renewal or Transfer of Turtle Seller Licenses] prohibits the renewal or transfer of a turtle seller's license after the effective date of this section.

Section 6 [Repealer] repeals rules that are no longer needed in light of the other changes in the bill.