**§12808. Unauthorized activities regarding endangered or threatened species**

For the purposes of this section and section 12808‑A, "to take," "take" and "taking" mean the act or omission that results in the death of any endangered or threatened species. [PL 2015, c. 423, §1 (AMD).]

**1. Prohibited acts regarding endangered or threatened species; negligence.**  Except as provided in section 12808‑A, a person may not negligently:

A. Import into the State or export out of the State any endangered or threatened species. A person who violates this paragraph commits a Class E crime, for which a fine of $1,000 must be adjudged, none of which may be suspended; [PL 2019, c. 267, §1 (AMD).]

B. Hunt, take, trap, harass or possess any endangered or threatened species within the State. A person who violates this paragraph commits a Class E crime, for which a fine of $1,000 must be adjudged, none of which may be suspended; [PL 2019, c. 267, §1 (AMD).]

C. Possess, process, sell, offer for sale, deliver, carry, transport or ship, by any means whatsoever, any endangered or threatened species or any part of an endangered or threatened species. A person who violates this paragraph commits a Class E crime, for which a fine of $1,000 must be adjudged, none of which may be suspended; or [PL 2019, c. 267, §1 (AMD).]

D. Feed or set bait for any endangered or threatened species. A person who violates this paragraph commits a Class E crime for which a fine of $1,000 must be adjudged, none of which may be suspended. [RR 2019, c. 1, Pt. A, §11 (COR).]

[RR 2019, c. 1, Pt. A, §11 (COR).]

**1-A. Prohibited acts regarding endangered or threatened species; intentional.**  Except as provided in section 12808‑A, a person may not intentionally:

A. Import into the State or export out of the State any endangered or threatened species. A person who violates this paragraph commits a Class D crime, for which a fine of $2,000 must be adjudged, none of which may be suspended; [PL 2019, c. 267, §2 (AMD).]

B. Hunt, take, trap, harass or possess any endangered or threatened species within the State. A person who violates this paragraph commits a Class D crime, for which a fine of $2,000 must be adjudged, none of which may be suspended; [PL 2019, c. 267, §2 (AMD).]

C. Possess, process, sell, offer for sale, deliver, carry, transport or ship, by any means whatsoever, any endangered or threatened species or any part of an endangered or threatened species. A person who violates this paragraph commits a Class D crime, for which a fine of $2,000 must be adjudged, none of which may be suspended; or [PL 2019, c. 267, §2 (AMD).]

D. Feed or set bait for any endangered or threatened species. A person who violates this paragraph commits a Class D crime, for which a fine of $2,000 must be adjudged, none of which may be suspended. [RR 2019, c. 1, Pt. A, §12 (COR).]

[RR 2019, c. 1, Pt. A, §12 (COR).]

**2. Exceptions for certain purposes.**

[PL 2015, c. 423, §1 (RP).]

**3. Exceptions; incidental take plan.**

[PL 2015, c. 423, §1 (RP).]

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