

## HOUSE BILL No. 2276

By Committee on Federal and State Affairs

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1 AN ACT concerning public health and safety; relating to dangerous  
2 regulated animals; pertaining to the sale, slaughter and acquisition of  
3 such animals; amending K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 32-1301, 32-1302, 32-  
4 1303, 32-1304, 32-1305, 32-1306, 32-1307, 32-1308 and 32-1310 and  
5 repealing the existing sections; also repealing K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 32-  
6 1309.

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8 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

9 Section 1. K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 32-1301 is hereby amended to read as  
10 follows: 32-1301. As used in this act:

11 (a) "Person" means any individual, firm, partnership, corporation,  
12 association, municipality or other business entity.

13 (b) "Wildlife sanctuary" means a not-for-profit organization exempt  
14 from federal income taxation pursuant to section 501 (c)(3) of the internal  
15 revenue code of 1986, as in effect on July 1, ~~2006~~ 2017, that:

16 (1) Operates a place of refuge where abused, neglected, unwanted,  
17 impounded, abandoned, orphaned or displaced dangerous regulated  
18 animals are provided care for such animal's lifetime;

19 (2) does not conduct any commercial activity with respect to any  
20 dangerous regulated animal possessed by the organization;

21 (3) does not sell, trade, auction, lease or loan dangerous regulated  
22 animals, or parts thereof, ~~which~~ *that* the organization possesses;

23 (4) does not breed any dangerous regulated animal ~~of which~~ *that* the  
24 organization possesses, except as an integral part of the species survival  
25 plan of the ~~American zoo and aquarium~~ *association of zoos and*  
26 *aquariums*;

27 (5) does not conduct any activity that is not inherent to the dangerous  
28 regulated animal's nature;

29 (6) does not use the dangerous regulated animal for any type of  
30 entertainment purposes; and

31 (7) operates a refuge in compliance with regulations promulgated by  
32 the United States department of agriculture for dangerous regulated  
33 animals, except non-native, venomous snakes, under the animal welfare  
34 act, public law 89-544, as amended and in effect on July 1, ~~2006~~ 2017, and  
35 the regulations and standards adopted under such act in effect on July 1,  
36 ~~2006~~ 2017, relating to operations, animal health and husbandry. All

1 dangerous regulated animals shall be caged in compliance with the  
2 provisions set forth in K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 32-1306, and amendments  
3 thereto.

4 (c) "Possess" means to own, care for, have custody of or control.

5 (d) "Dangerous regulated animal" means a live or slaughtered parts  
6 of:

7 (1) Lions, tigers, leopards, jaguars, cheetahs and mountain lions, or  
8 any hybrid thereof;

9 (2) bears or any hybrid thereof; ~~and~~

10 (3) *nonhuman primates*;

11 (4) *wolves, excluding any hybrid thereof; and*

12 (5) all non-native, venomous snakes.

13 (e) "Local animal control authority" means an agency of the county  
14 or city that is responsible for animal control operations in such  
15 governmental entity's jurisdiction and includes the animal control officer,  
16 as defined by K.S.A. 47-1701, and amendments thereto, of such county or  
17 city. If the county or city does not have an animal control officer, for cities  
18 of the first class, the chief law enforcement officer shall have the local  
19 animal control authority duties and responsibilities pursuant to this act and  
20 for all other cities and counties, the county sheriff shall have the local  
21 animal control authority duties and responsibilities pursuant to this act.

22 (f) "Registered designated handler" means a person who is registered  
23 or would be required to be registered pursuant to K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 32-  
24 1310, and amendments thereto.

25 Sec. 2. K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 32-1302 is hereby amended to read as  
26 follows: 32-1302. (a) ~~Except as provided in this section,~~ It is unlawful for  
27 a person to possess, slaughter, sell, purchase or otherwise acquire a *live*  
28 dangerous regulated animal.

29 ~~(b) On and after October 1, 2006, a person who possesses a~~  
30 ~~dangerous regulated animal shall be in compliance with regulations~~  
31 ~~promulgated by the United States department of agriculture for dangerous~~  
32 ~~regulated animals, except non-native, venomous snakes, under the animal~~  
33 ~~welfare act, public law 89-544, as amended and in effect on July 1, 2006,~~  
34 ~~and the regulations and standards adopted under such act in effect on July~~  
35 ~~1, 2006, relating to operations, animal health and husbandry; and to~~  
36 ~~provide adequate veterinary care for dangerous regulated animals. All~~  
37 ~~dangerous regulated animals shall be caged in compliance with the~~  
38 ~~provisions set forth in K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 32-1306, and amendments~~  
39 ~~thereto.~~

40 ~~(c) Except as provided in subsection (d), a person shall not take~~  
41 ~~possession of a dangerous regulated animal or allow dangerous regulated~~  
42 ~~animals in such person's possession to breed.~~

43 ~~(d) A person who possesses a valid United States department of~~

1 agriculture license, is in compliance with the United States department of  
2 agriculture animal welfare act, regulations and standards on July 1, 2006,  
3 and, within 10 years preceding July 1, 2006, has not been convicted of a  
4 felony under the laws of Kansas or a crime under a law of another  
5 jurisdiction which is substantially the same as a felony, may breed,  
6 purchase or otherwise acquire new dangerous regulated animals after July  
7 1, 2006, in order to:

8 (1) Maintain the operating inventory of dangerous regulated animals  
9 possessed on July 1, 2006;

10 (2) sell dangerous regulated animals to other United States  
11 department of agriculture licensed and compliant facilities within Kansas  
12 for replacement purposes as provided in paragraph (1); and

13 (3) sell dangerous regulated animals outside Kansas *Notwithstanding*  
14 *any other provision of law, it shall be unlawful for any person to allow any*  
15 *member of the public to come into direct contact with a live dangerous*  
16 *regulated animal, regardless of the age or size of the animal.*

17 Sec. 3. K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 32-1303 is hereby amended to read as  
18 follows: 32-1303. (a) ~~On and after September 1, 2006, a person who~~  
19 ~~possesses a dangerous regulated animal shall notify, in writing, and~~  
20 ~~register the dangerous regulated animal with the local animal control~~  
21 ~~authority.~~

22 (b) ~~The notification shall include the person's name, address,~~  
23 ~~telephone number and a complete inventory of each dangerous regulated~~  
24 ~~animal that the person possesses. The inventory shall include the following~~  
25 ~~information: Number and species of each dangerous regulated animal; the~~  
26 ~~microchip identification number and manufacturer of such microchip for~~  
27 ~~each dangerous regulated animal, if available; the exact location where~~  
28 ~~each dangerous regulated animal is kept; the age, sex, color, weight, sears~~  
29 ~~and any distinguishing marks of each dangerous regulated animal; and the~~  
30 ~~name of any person who is a registered designated handler.~~

31 (c) ~~When a person who possesses a dangerous regulated animal has a~~  
32 ~~microchip implanted in such animal for identification, the name of the~~  
33 ~~microchip manufacturer and the microchip identification number shall be~~  
34 ~~provided to the local animal control authority. If a dangerous regulated~~  
35 ~~animal is sedated for any reason and such animal does not have a~~  
36 ~~microchip implanted, a microchip shall be implanted in such animal.~~  
37 ~~Within 30 days after the microchip is implanted, the name of the microchip~~  
38 ~~manufacturer and the microchip identification number shall be provided to~~  
39 ~~the local animal control authority. Within 30 days of acquisition, a person~~  
40 ~~acquiring ownership of an offspring with a microchip implanted shall~~  
41 ~~comply with microchip information reporting requirements of this~~  
42 ~~subsection.~~

43 (d) *The prohibitions in K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 32-1302(a), and*

1 *amendments thereto, shall not apply to persons 21 years of age or older*  
2 *who lawfully possessed a dangerous regulated animal prior to July 1,*  
3 *2017, provided that:*

4 *(1) Such person maintains veterinary records, acquisition papers, or*  
5 *other documents or records that establish that the person lawfully*  
6 *possessed the dangerous regulated animal prior to July 1, 2017;*

7 *(2) such person shall not acquire any additional dangerous regulated*  
8 *animals after July 1, 2017, whether by purchase, donation or breeding,*  
9 *unless such additional dangerous regulated animals are born from*  
10 *dangerous regulated animals owned by such person prior to July 1, 2017,*  
11 *following a gestation period beginning prior to July 1, 2017;*

12 *(3) such person has not been convicted of an offense involving the*  
13 *abuse or neglect of any animal pursuant to any state, local or federal law,*  
14 *and has not been convicted of any felony within the past 10 years;*

15 *(4) such person has not had a license or permit regarding the care,*  
16 *possession, exhibition, breeding or sale of animals revoked or suspended*  
17 *by any state, local or federal agency;*

18 *(5) the facility and the conditions in which each dangerous regulated*  
19 *animal is kept comply with the husbandry, caging and care standards*  
20 *adopted pursuant to K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 32-1305 and 32-1306, and*  
21 *amendments thereto;*

22 *(6) such person has an identification number placed in the dangerous*  
23 *regulated animal via subcutaneous microchip, at the expense of the owner,*  
24 *unless a veterinarian determines such implantation would be harmful to*  
25 *the dangerous regulated animal's wellbeing; and*

26 *(7) such person submits an application for registration by September*  
27 *1, 2017, and annually thereafter, to the local animal control authority,*  
28 *including the person's name, address, telephone number and a complete*  
29 *inventory of each dangerous regulated animal that the person possesses.*  
30 *The inventory shall include a photograph of each dangerous regulated*  
31 *animal and the following information:*

32 *(A) Number and species of each dangerous regulated animal; the*  
33 *microchip identification number and manufacturer of such microchip for*  
34 *each dangerous regulated animal, if available;*

35 *(B) the location where each dangerous regulated animal is kept;*

36 *(C) the age, sex, color, weight, scars and any distinguishing marks of*  
37 *each dangerous regulated animal;*

38 *(D) the name of any person who is a registered designated handler;*  
39 *and*

40 *(E) the name and address of the person from whom the applicant*  
41 *obtained the dangerous regulated animal, if known.*

42 *(b) A local animal control authority may inspect the premises where*  
43 *dangerous regulated animals are physically located.*

1 Sec. 4. K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 32-1304 is hereby amended to read as  
2 follows: 32-1304. (a) The local animal control authority may charge the  
3 following annual fees:

4 (1) Premises inspection fee *of* not more than \$100.

5 (2) Dangerous regulated animal registration fee, per animal, *of* not  
6 more than \$50. The maximum amount charged for such animal registration  
7 per person is \$500.

8 (3) Additional ~~premise~~ *premises* inspection fee, ~~if the person acquires~~  
9 ~~and possesses another type of dangerous regulated animal,~~ *of* not more  
10 than \$100.

11 (b) A certificate of registration ~~shall~~ *may* be issued by the local  
12 animal control authority to the person for each dangerous regulated animal  
13 ~~and upon inspection upon,~~ payment of the fee *and compliance with K.S.A.*  
14 *2016 Supp. 32-1303(a), and amendments thereto.*

15 (c) Any person who possesses a dangerous regulated animal shall  
16 maintain liability insurance coverage or secure a bond in an amount of not  
17 less than \$250,000 for each occurrence for liability damages for  
18 destruction of or damage to property and death or bodily injury to a person  
19 caused by the dangerous regulated animal. The person possessing the  
20 animal shall provide a copy of the policy for liability insurance or proof of  
21 the bond to the local animal control authority. Any insurer shall notify the  
22 local animal control authority, in writing, of any expiration, reduction or  
23 cancellation of liability insurance, furnished as required by this subsection,  
24 not later than 10 days before the expiration, reduction or cancellation takes  
25 effect. Any surety company who secures the performance of the bond shall  
26 notify the local animal control authority, in writing, of any expiration,  
27 reduction or cancellation of the bond, furnished as required by this  
28 subsection, not later than 10 days before the expiration, reduction or  
29 cancellation takes effect.

30 (d) Any fees charged and collected shall be retained by the local  
31 animal control authority to be used to implement the provisions of this act.

32 Sec. 5. K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 32-1305 is hereby amended to read as  
33 follows: 32-1305. (a) A person who possesses a dangerous regulated  
34 animal shall meet the requirements set forth in this section.

35 (b) A person who possesses a dangerous regulated animal shall  
36 maintain health and ownership records on each dangerous regulated  
37 animal and shall maintain the records for the life of the animal. If  
38 possession of the dangerous regulated animal is transferred to another  
39 person, a copy of the health and ownership records shall accompany the  
40 animal.

41 (c) A person who possesses a dangerous regulated animal shall  
42 maintain an ongoing program of veterinary care ~~which~~ *that* includes a  
43 veterinary visit to the premises at least annually.

1 (d) A person who possesses a dangerous regulated animal shall notify  
2 the local animal control authority in writing within 10 days of a change in  
3 address or location where the dangerous regulated animal is kept.

4 (e) A person with a United States department of agriculture license  
5 for dangerous regulated animals shall forward a copy of such person's  
6 United States department of agriculture inspection report to the local  
7 animal control authority within 30 days of receipt of the inspection report.

8 (f) A person who possesses a dangerous regulated animal shall  
9 prominently display a sign on the structure where the animal is housed  
10 indicating that a dangerous regulated animal is on the premises.

11 (g) A person who possesses a dangerous regulated animal shall  
12 immediately notify local law enforcement officials of any escape of a  
13 dangerous regulated animal. The person who possesses the dangerous  
14 regulated animal is liable for any costs incurred by any person, city, county  
15 or state agency resulting from the escape of a dangerous regulated animal  
16 unless the escape is due to a criminal act by another person or a natural  
17 event.

18 (h) A person who possesses a dangerous regulated animal shall  
19 maintain a written recovery plan in the event of the escape of a dangerous  
20 regulated animal. The person shall maintain live traps or other equipment  
21 necessary to assist in the recovery of the dangerous regulated animal.

22 ~~(i) If requested by the local animal control authority,~~ A person may  
23 not move a dangerous regulated animal from such animal's location unless  
24 the person notifies the local animal control authority prior to moving the  
25 animal. The notification shall include the date and the location where the  
26 animal is moved. This subsection shall not apply to a dangerous regulated  
27 animal transported to a licensed veterinarian.

28 (j) If a person who possesses a dangerous regulated animal can no  
29 longer care for the animal, the person shall take the appropriate steps to  
30 find long-term placement for the dangerous regulated animal *in a facility*  
31 *exempted under K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 32-1308, and amendments thereto.*

32 Sec. 6. K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 32-1306 is hereby amended to read as  
33 follows: 32-1306. (a) All dangerous regulated animals shall be confined  
34 within a cage of sufficient strength and design for the purposes of  
35 maintaining and housing or transporting the animal. The requirements for  
36 sufficient caging shall be established by rules and regulations adopted by  
37 the secretary of wildlife, parks and tourism. ~~Any cage or confinement~~  
38 ~~structure shall be constructed in such a manner that prohibits physical~~  
39 ~~contact with any person other than such persons listed in subsection (d).~~

40 (b) No dangerous regulated animal shall be allowed to be tethered,  
41 leashed or chained outdoors, or allowed to run at large.

42 (c) A dangerous regulated animal shall not be mistreated, neglected,  
43 abandoned or deprived of necessary food, water and sustenance.

1 (d) A dangerous regulated animal shall not be allowed to come into  
2 physical contact with any person other than the person possessing the  
3 animal, the registered designated handler or a veterinarian administering  
4 medical examination, treatment or care. *If a dangerous regulated animal*  
5 *potentially exposes a human to rabies or any other zoonotic disease, the*  
6 *owner of the dangerous regulated animal shall report the potential*  
7 *exposure to the local animal control authority within 24 hours.*

8 (e) A dangerous regulated animal shall not be brought to any public  
9 property or commercial or retail establishment, except to bring the animal  
10 to a licensed veterinarian or veterinarian clinic.

11 (f) *A dangerous regulated animal shall not be allowed to be in*  
12 *proximity to members of the public, including, but not limited to, offering*  
13 *photographic opportunities next to dangerous regulated animals of any*  
14 *age or size, without sufficient distance and protective barriers.*

15 Sec. 7. K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 32-1307 is hereby amended to read as  
16 follows: 32-1307. (a) Any dangerous regulated animal may be seized by  
17 the local animal control authority as provided in this section.

18 (b) The local animal control authority, upon issuance of a notice of  
19 inspection, shall be granted access at reasonable times to premises where  
20 the local animal control authority has reason to believe a violation of this  
21 act is occurring or has occurred.

22 (c) If a person who possesses a dangerous regulated animal is not in  
23 compliance with the requirements of this act, the local animal control  
24 authority shall take possession of the animal for custody and care,  
25 following the procedures in this subsection.

26 (d) Upon request of a person possessing a dangerous regulated  
27 animal, the local animal control authority may allow the animal to remain  
28 in the physical custody of the owner for 30 days, during which time the  
29 owner shall take all necessary actions to come in compliance with this act.  
30 During the 30-day period, the local animal control authority may inspect,  
31 at any reasonable time, the premises where the animal is kept. *The local*  
32 *animal control authority may extend such 30-day period by not more than*  
33 *an additional 30 days.*

34 (e) If a person who possesses a dangerous regulated animal is not in  
35 compliance with this act following the 30-day period described in  
36 subsection (d), the local animal control authority shall seize the animal and  
37 place it in a holding facility that is appropriate for the species for up to 10  
38 days. The authority taking custody of an animal under this subsection shall  
39 provide a notice of the seizure by delivering or mailing it to the person  
40 possessing such dangerous regulated animal, by posting a copy of the  
41 notice at the premise where the animal is taken into custody, or by  
42 delivering it to a person residing on the premise. The notice shall include:

43 (1) A description of the animal seized; the authority for and purpose

1 of the seizure; the time, place and circumstances under which the animal  
2 was seized; and a contact person and telephone number;

3 (2) a statement that a person from whom a dangerous regulated  
4 animal was seized may post security to prevent disposition of the animal  
5 and may request a hearing concerning the seizure and that failure to do so  
6 within five business days of the date of the notice will result in disposition  
7 of the animal;

8 (3) a statement that actual costs of the care, keeping and disposal of  
9 the dangerous regulated animal are the responsibility of the person from  
10 whom the animal was seized, except to the extent that a court or hearing  
11 officer finds that the seizure was not substantially justified by law; and

12 (4) a form that can be used by a person from whom a dangerous  
13 regulated animal was seized for requesting a hearing under this subsection.

14 (f) If a person from whom the dangerous regulated animal was seized  
15 makes a request within five business days of the seizure, a hearing must be  
16 held within five business days of the request to determine the validity of  
17 the seizure and disposition of the animal. The judge or hearing officer may  
18 authorize the return of the animal to the person from whom the animal was  
19 seized if the judge or hearing officer finds:

20 (1) That the person can and will provide the care required by law for  
21 the dangerous regulated animal; and

22 (2) the dangerous regulated animal is physically fit.

23 (g) If a judge or hearing officer orders a permanent disposition of the  
24 dangerous regulated animal, the local animal control authority may take  
25 steps to find long-term placement for the animal with a wildlife sanctuary;  
26 ~~or an appropriate United States department of agriculture licensed a~~  
27 *facility exempted under K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 32-1308, and amendments*  
28 *thereto.*

29 (h) A person from whom a dangerous regulated animal is seized is  
30 liable for all actual costs of care, keeping and disposal of the animal,  
31 except to the extent that a court or hearing officer finds that the seizure  
32 was not substantially justified by law. The costs shall be paid in full or a  
33 mutually satisfactory arrangement for payment shall be made between the  
34 local animal control authority and the person claiming an interest in the  
35 animal before return of the animal to the person.

36 (i) A person from whom a dangerous regulated animal has been  
37 seized under this subsection may prevent disposition of the animal by  
38 posting security in the amount sufficient to provide for the actual costs of  
39 care and keeping of the animal. The security shall be posted within five  
40 business days of the seizure, inclusive of the day of the seizure.

41 (j) If circumstances exist threatening the life of a person or the life of  
42 any animal, any law enforcement agency or the local animal control  
43 authority shall seize a dangerous regulated animal without an opportunity



1 for hearing or court order, or destroy the animal.

2 (k) Upon proper determination by a licensed veterinarian, any  
3 dangerous regulated animal taken into custody under this section may be  
4 immediately euthanized when the dangerous regulated animal is suffering  
5 and is beyond cure through reasonable care and treatment.

6 (l) The agency or authority taking custody of the dangerous regulated  
7 animal may recover all costs incurred under this section.

8 Sec. 8. K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 32-1308 is hereby amended to read as  
9 follows: 32-1308. Exemptions to the provisions set forth in this act are as  
10 follows:

11 (a) Institutions accredited by the ~~American zoo and aquarium~~  
12 *association of zoos and aquariums* or the zoological association of  
13 America shall be exempt from K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 32-1302(a) and 32-  
14 1303, and amendments thereto.

15 (b) A wildlife sanctuary registered with the local animal control  
16 authority shall be exempt from K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 32-1302(a), and  
17 amendments thereto.

18 ~~(c) The Kansas department of wildlife, parks and tourism, or a person~~  
19 ~~issued a permit by the secretary pursuant to K.S.A. 32-952, and~~  
20 ~~amendments thereto, shall be exempt from this act.~~

21 ~~(d)~~ A licensed or accredited research or medical institution shall be  
22 exempt from K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 32-1302 and 32-1303, and amendments  
23 thereto.

24 ~~(e) A United States department of agriculture licensed exhibitor of~~  
25 ~~dangerous regulated animals while transporting or as part of a circus,~~  
26 ~~carnival, rodeo or fair shall be exempt from this act.~~

27 (d) *An exhibitor holding a valid class "C" license issued under the*  
28 *animal welfare act, 7 U.S.C. § 2131 et seq., as in effect on July 1, 2017,*  
29 *that is not based in this state, does not conduct performances in this state*  
30 *for more than 30 days in any 12-month period, and that regularly*  
31 *conducts performances featuring live animals and multiple trained human*  
32 *entertainers, including clowns and acrobats, is exempt from the provisions*  
33 *of K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 32-1302(a), 32-1303, 32-1305 and 32-1306, and*  
34 *amendments thereto, with the exceptions of K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 32-1306(d)*  
35 *and (f), and amendments thereto. When a dangerous regulated animal is*  
36 *not being exhibited as such, the animal shall be maintained at all times in*  
37 *a species-appropriate cage or travel container. Such exhibitor shall*  
38 *provide written notice of the transport to a state veterinarian at least 72*  
39 *hours prior to entering the state, identifying the number and type of*  
40 *dangerous regulated animals that will be transported. This notification is*  
41 *in addition to any veterinary certificate or other permits required by local,*  
42 *state or federal law.*

43 (e) *A person temporarily transporting a legally owned dangerous*

1 regulated animal through the state shall be exempt from this act, with the  
2 exceptions of K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 32-1302(b) and 32-1306(d) and (f), and  
3 amendments thereto, if the transit time is not more than 48 hours, the  
4 dangerous regulated animal is not exhibited and the dangerous regulated  
5 animal is maintained at all times in a species-appropriate cage or other  
6 travel container. Such transporters shall provide written notice of the  
7 transport to the state veterinarian at least 72 hours prior to entering the  
8 state, identifying the number and type of dangerous regulated animals that  
9 will be transported. This notification is in addition to any veterinary  
10 certificate or other permits required by state, local or federal law.

11 (f) Law enforcement officers shall be exempt from this act for  
12 purposes of enforcement.

13 (g) Duly incorporated nonprofit animal protection organizations,  
14 such as humane societies and animal shelters, temporarily housing a  
15 dangerous regulated animal at the written request of law enforcement  
16 officers acting under the authority of this act shall be exempt from this act.

17 Sec. 9. K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 32-1310 is hereby amended to read as  
18 follows: 32-1310. (a) Annually, on or before April 1, a local animal control  
19 authority shall report to the secretary of wildlife, parks and tourism on  
20 dangerous regulated animals registered with the local animal control  
21 authority during the preceding calendar year. The report shall include all  
22 registration information submitted to the local animal control authority  
23 under ~~subsection (b)~~ of K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 32-1303(b), and amendments  
24 thereto, and information on enforcement actions taken under this act.

25 (b) It shall be a violation of this act for a person who does not own  
26 the dangerous regulated animal, to care for, have custody or control of  
27 such animal unless such person is *an employee of the person who owns the*  
28 *dangerous regulated animal and is a registered designated handler*. Any  
29 such person applying for a designated handler registration shall file an  
30 application on a form prescribed by the local animal control authority.  
31 Application for such registration shall be accompanied by an application  
32 fee not exceeding \$25. If the local animal control authority finds the  
33 applicant to be qualified to be a registered designated handler after  
34 meeting the training, experience and ability requirements determined by  
35 the secretary of wildlife, parks and tourism, the local animal control  
36 authority ~~shall~~ *may* issue a designated handler registration ~~which~~ *that* shall  
37 expire at the end of the calendar year.

38 (c) The secretary of wildlife, parks and tourism shall provide  
39 educational training programs for the local animal control authority  
40 concerning the provisions of this act and the handling of dangerous  
41 regulated animals.

42 (d) The secretary of wildlife, parks and tourism shall adopt rules and  
43 regulations:

1       (1) Establishing training, experience and ability requirements for  
2 registered designated handlers; and

3       (2) to implement the provisions of this act.

4       Sec. 10. K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 32-1301, 32-1302, 32-1303, 32-1304, 32-  
5 1305, 32-1306, 32-1307, 32-1308, 32-1309 and 32-1310 are hereby  
6 repealed.

7       Sec. 11. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its  
8 publication in the statute book.