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Proposed Rule Cover Sheet



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at 10:00 a.m.

09.17 Venomous Reptile Possession Permit Required

It is unlawful to possess any medically significant venomous reptile **after July 1, 2020** ~~2021~~, whether native or non-native to Arkansas, without obtaining a valid Venomous Reptile Permit issued by the Commission and complying with all permit requirements in Addendum **F1.08**. Persons who have submitted a permit application on or before July 1, ~~2020~~ **2021**, may continue to possess existing stock while the application is being processed.

EXCEPTIONS:

- A. Medically significant venomous reptiles may be transported through Arkansas in accordance with a valid Commission-issued Wildlife Importation Permit.
- B. No permit is required for native venomous reptiles being kept in accordance with Code **09.14**.
- C. No permit is required for accredited members of the Association of Zoos and Aquariums.
- D. No permit is required for persons possessing native venomous reptiles captured in accordance with a Commission Scientific Collection Permit.
- E. No permit is required for persons possessing native venomous reptiles in accordance with a Commission Conservation Education Permit.

PENALTY: Class 3