§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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