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HOUSE BILL NO. 1596

91ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVES HARDING (Sponsor), OSTMANN,
TOWNLEY AND BOUCHER.

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TED WEDEL, Chief Clerk

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AN ACT

To repeal section 578.023, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to registration of exotic animals.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Section 578.023, RSMo, is repealed and one new section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 578.023, to read as follows:

578.023. 1. No person may keep any lion, tiger, leopard, ocelot, jaguar, cheetah, margay, mountain lion, Canada lynx, bobcat, jaguarundi, hyena, wolf, bear, nonhuman primate, coyote, any deadly, dangerous, or poisonous reptile, or any deadly or dangerous reptile over eight feet long, in any place other than a properly maintained zoological park, circus, scientific, or educational institution, research laboratory, veterinary hospital, or animal refuge, unless such person has **within two weeks of coming into possession of such animals**, registered such animals with the local law enforcement agency in the county in which the animal is kept.

2. Any person violating the provisions of this section shall be guilty of a class C misdemeanor.