

- (6) Animals used for educational purposes;
- (7) Animals used for public exhibitions; or
- (8) Any animal that the Secretary determines is not a threat to human health and safety.

(C) ~~NOTHING IN THIS SECTION SHALL~~ MAY NOT BE CONSTRUED TO PROHIBIT THE BREEDING, RAISING, KEEPING, OR POSSESSION OF TURTLES BY A PERSON WHO HAS OBTAINED A ~~SCIENTIFIC COLLECTING PERMIT UNDER § 10-909~~ TITLE 10, SUBTITLE 9 OF THE NATURAL RESOURCES ARTICLE.

~~Article~~ **Natural Resources**

~~10-909.~~

~~(a) Any properly accredited person of known scientific attainment desiring to collect wildlife, nests, or eggs from the wild for scientific or educational purposes shall first obtain a scientific collection permit from the Secretary.~~

~~(b) The Secretary may issue a scientific collecting permit, on the payment of a reasonable fee, to any properly accredited person who has demonstrated a legitimate scientific or educational need for the requested wildlife.~~

~~(c) The Secretary may adopt regulations governing the issuance, revocation, terms, and conditions of the permit.~~

~~(d) The permit:~~

~~(1) Shall expire December 31 of the issuing year; and~~

~~(2) May not be transferred to another person.~~

~~(e) The permit becomes void on proof that the permittee has:~~

~~(1) Captured or killed any wildlife;~~

~~(2) Taken any nests or eggs for other than scientific or educational purposes; or~~

~~(3) Taken or possessed any wildlife, nests, or eggs not authorized by the permit.~~

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2002.

Approved April 25, 2002.