

Senate File 299 - Introduced

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to hybrid cats, by providing that a person may
2 possess, breed, and transport the offspring of a domestic cat
3 and a cat classified as a dangerous wild animal or a
4 subsequent generation originating from that offspring, and
5 providing an effective date.
6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:
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1 1 Section 1. Section 717F.1, subsection 5, paragraph b, Code
1 2 2009, is amended to read as follows:
1 3 b. "Dangerous wild animal" includes an animal which is the
1 4 offspring of an animal provided in paragraph "a", and another
1 5 animal provided in that paragraph or any other animal. It
1 6 also includes animals which are the offspring of each
1 7 subsequent generation. However, a dangerous wild animal does
1 8 not include a hybrid which is any of the following:
1 9 (1) The offspring of a domestic dog and a wolf, or the
1 10 offspring from each subsequent generation in which at least
1 11 one parent is a domestic dog.
1 12 (2) The offspring of a domestic cat and a member of the
1 13 family felidae of the order carnivora, or the offspring from
1 14 each subsequent generation regardless of whether a parent is a
1 15 domestic cat or another member of the family felidae.
1 16 However, the offspring must not weigh more than twenty-five
1 17 pounds at one year of age.

1 18 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act, being deemed of
1 19 immediate importance, takes effect upon enactment.

1 20 EXPLANATION

1 21 This bill provides that certain hybrid cats are no longer
1 22 classified as dangerous wild animals regulated under Code
1 23 chapter 717F. A hybrid cat is (1) the offspring of a domestic
1 24 cat and a lion, tiger, cougar, leopard, cheetah, ocelot,
1 25 serval, or other nondomestic cat taxonomically known as a
1 26 member of the family felidae of the order carnivora, or (2)
1 27 each subsequent generation of that offspring.

1 28 The bill would allow a person to possess, breed, or
1 29 transport the hybrid cat so long as the offspring does not
1 30 weigh more than 25 pounds at one year of age, notwithstanding
1 31 Code section 717F.3 which would otherwise apply to prohibit
1 32 such conduct. The bill does not affect provisions in Code
1 33 chapter 717F that prohibit a person from keeping the
1 34 pure-stock parent of a hybrid cat. The bill does not change
1 35 current law which provides that a person may own or possess a
2 1 lion, tiger, cougar, leopard, cheetah, ocelot, or serval, only
2 2 under certain conditions. For example, the person must have
2 3 owned or possessed the parent on July 1, 2007, and comply with
2 4 a number of health and safety restrictions (see Code section
2 5 717F.4), or the person must obtain an appropriate license
2 6 issued by the United States department of agriculture and
2 7 register the parent with the department of agriculture and
2 8 land stewardship (see Code section 717F.7).

2 9 The bill takes effect upon enactment.

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