TITLE 345  INDIANA STATE BOARD OF ANIMAL HEALTH

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DIGEST

Temporarily adds provisions that prohibit or limit the movement of certain animals and exposed animal into and within the state to control the spread of monkeypox. Authority: IC 15-2.1-18-21. Effective upon filing with the Secretary of State.

SECTION 1. The definitions in IC 15-2.1-2 and this SECTION apply throughout this document.

(1) “Affected species” means the following:
   (A) Prairie dogs (Cynomys sp.)
   (B) Tree squirrels (Heliosciurus sp.).
   (C) Rope squirrels (Funisciurus sp.).
   (D) Dormices (Graphiurus sp.).
   (E) Gambian Giant Pouched Rats (Cricetomys sp.).
   (F) Brush-tailed porcupines (Atherurus sp.).
   (G) Striped mice (Hybomys sp.).

(2) “Board” means the Indiana state board of animal health appointed under IC 15-2.1-3.

(3) “State veterinarian” means the state veterinarian appointed under IC 15-2.1-4.

SECTION 2. (a) The United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has diagnosed monkeypox in animals that have been distributed in the United States. Monkeypox presents a definite health hazard to the citizens and animals of Indiana. The Board of Animal Health is enacting emergency provisions in this document to protect the citizens and animals of Indiana from the threat of monkeypox infection.

(b) Notwithstanding 345 IAC 1-3 the following apply:
   (1) No person may move an animal of the affected species into the state.
   (2) No person may move into the state an animal that has been exposed to an animal of the affected species acquired since April 1, 2003.

   (c) No person may transport, offer to transport, sell, offer for sale, distribute or exchange in any manner, or release into the environment an animal of the affected species.

   (d) No person may display, exhibit, or engage in a similar activity with an animal of the affected species acquired since April 1, 2003, if the activity could result in direct human contact with the animal.
(e) The prohibitions in this document do not apply to the following:
(1) Persons who transport affected animals to veterinarians, animal control officials, or other entities under permit or instructions issued by the state veterinarian or a federal official.
(2) A state, federal, or local official discharging their official duties.