



Herp Alliance Talking Points Against Louisiana SB 357

- There is NO public safety issue in Louisiana from captive reptiles.
 - There have been no documented human injuries or deaths caused by any captive reptile in Louisiana since at least 1990;
- The captive breeding of high quality reptiles and amphibians in Louisiana generates approximately \$15 million per year in revenues in the sale of these animals, products for the care of these animals, veterinary care, and show and convention revenues (Louisiana hosts at least three major reptile shows per year);
- All of the species that SB 357 seeks to ban are already the subject of restrictions in Louisiana and only exempted organizations and individuals with permits through your Department of Wildlife and Fisheries can own the listed constrictor snakes over 8' in length or venomous snakes;
- The abrupt criminalization of ownership of these animals may violate the Due Process rights of your citizens because it will be tantamount to a government taking of their legally owned property;
- One of the constrictors that SB 357 seeks to ban is the Burmese python. Interstate transport of this species is federally prohibited.
 - If SB 357 is enacted, all of the Burmese pythons in your state will be euthanized because there will be no other legal means for your constituents to dispose of them in order to comply with the law.
 - Louisiana residents who cannot afford to have their Burmese pythons destroyed might release them into the wild.
- Please reject SB 357.
 - It serves no purpose for the residents of your state.
 - It will destroy millions of dollars in business for your constituents, and it may violate the Due Process rights of hundreds or thousands of law abiding Louisiana residents.