

CAPTIVE WILDLIFE

New Legislation



Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission
Division of Law Enforcement
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CS/SB 2766

- The 2007 Legislature passed a bill requiring those exhibiting Class I wildlife to “guarantee financial responsibility” in the amount of \$10,000 for any liability incurred. The Governor has not taken action at this time.
- Class I wildlife are lions, tigers, bears, elephants, etc.
- The bill also raised the existing bond requirement for exhibiting venomous reptiles from \$1000 to \$10,000.
- This new law requires the Commission to adopt a rule establishing methods of payment or guarantees in the amount of \$10,000.



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- **68A-6.0024 Commercialization of Wildlife; Public Contact; Bonding or Financial Responsibility Guarantee.**
 - Will establish methods of payment, minimum term length, and alternative instruments to be used for bonding and financial responsibility guarantees.
 - To include, but be limited to: bond, cash, cashier's check, certified check, or irrevocable letter of credit.



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- **68A-6.0024 Commercialization of Wildlife; Public Contact; Bonding or Financial Responsibility Guarantee cont.**
 - In lieu of the \$10,000 bond or financial responsibility guarantee, Class I wildlife exhibitors may maintain \$2 million comprehensive general liability insurance with minimum limits of \$2 million per occurrence and \$2 million annual aggregate to protect the exhibitor from claims for damage for personal injury, including accidental injury, as well as for claims for property damage which may arise.



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QUESTIONS ?



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