## SB 407 – AS AMENDED BY THE SENATE

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SENATE BILL	407
AN ACT	relative to wolf hybrids.
SPONSORS:	Sen. Forrester, Dist 2; Sen. Rausch, Dist 19; Sen. Odell, Dist 8; Sen. Reagan, Dist 17; Rep. Suzanne Smith, Graf 8; Rep. Lefebvre, Sull 1
COMMITTEE:	Energy and Natural Resources

# AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill prohibits the acquisition of wolf hybrids beginning January 1, 2015.

Explanation:Matter added to current law appears in **bold italics.**<br/>Matter removed from current law appears [in brackets and struckthrough.]<br/>Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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### STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

#### In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Fourteen

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### Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

1 1 New Chapter; Wolf Hybrids. Amend RSA by inserting after chapter 212-B the following new  $\mathbf{2}$ chapter: 3 CHAPTER 212-C 4 WOLF HYBRIDS  $\mathbf{5}$ 212-C:1 Wolf Hybrid; Defined. "Wolf hybrid" means any canine which has had a wolf ancestor within the previous 4 generations. 6 7This definition shall include a wolf or wolf hybrid as either a sire or dam, grandsire or dam, greatgrandsire or dam or great-great grandsire or dam. An animal shall also be considered a wolf hybrid 8 9 if it has been represented by its owner or former owner as having wolf ancestry. 10 212-C:2 Possession. I. No person shall newly acquire a wolf hybrid, by gift, by sale, by breeding, or by taking 11 12from the wild. 13II. Any person who owns a wolf hybrid which is licensed as a dog under RSA 466:1 on the 14effective date of this section shall continue to license the wolf hybrid as a dog under RSA 466:1, shall 15ensure the wolf hybrid is spayed or neutered, shall make the animal available for inspection by an animal control officer or law enforcement officer, and shall comply with all other requirements of this 1617chapter. 18212-C:3 Authority; Rulemaking. 19I. The fish and game department shall have the authority to enforce the provisions of this 20chapter. 21II. The executive director of the fish and game department shall adopt rules, under RSA 22541-A, relative to standards for the export, regulation, treatment, confinement, and control of wolf 23hybrids. 24212-C:4 Penalty; Administrative Fines. 25I. Any person in violation of this chapter or any rule adopted under this chapter shall be 26guilty of a class A misdemeanor. 27II. Any person who violates any provision of this chapter, or any rule or order of the 28executive director of the fish and game department, shall be subject to the imposition of an 29administrative fine levied by the department, not to exceed \$1,000 for each violation.

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1 2 Repeal. RSA 466-A, relative to wolf hybrids, is repealed.

2 3 Applicability of Rules. All existing rules adopted by the commissioner of the department of 3 agriculture, markets, and food under RSA 466-A which are in effect upon the effective date of this 4 act shall be transferred to and enforced by the fish and game department and remain effective until 5 such time as the rules expire, are repealed, or are amended by the executive director of fish and 6 game.

7 4 Effective Date.

- I. RSA 212-C:2 as inserted by section 1 of this act shall take effect January 1, 2015.
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II. The remainder of this act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.