Department of Planning and Budget
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State Fiscal Impact Statement

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Bill Number: SB1125 **Patron:** Boysko
Bill Title: Department of Wildlife Resources; propagation of wildlife without a permit unlawful; premature separation; hybridization.

Bill Summary: Makes it unlawful to propagate wildlife unless authorized by a permit issued by the Department of Wildlife Resources and provides that any permit holder authorized by the Department to propagate wildlife shall not prematurely separate any wildlife from the mother prior to the natural time of weaning that is appropriate for such species, except that wildlife may be prematurely separated if a medical necessity exists pursuant to a written order from a licensed veterinarian as provided in the bill. The bill also makes it unlawful to intentionally (i) propagate wildlife of different species or subspecies, also known as hybridization, or (ii) keep or house wildlife of different species or subspecies in conditions in which they could propagate unless such activities are undertaken by a facility accredited or certified by the Association of Zoos and Aquariums.

Budget Amendment Necessary: **No.** **Items Impacted:** **N/A**

Explanation: This bill involves the Department of Wildlife Resources (DWR). No amendment is needed based on available information. See "Fiscal Analysis."

Fiscal Summary: It is anticipated that this bill will have a fiscal impact on the Department of Wildlife Resources; however, impact estimates are not available from the agency.

Fiscal Analysis: This impact statement is preliminary. The bill requires DWR to potentially establish a new permitting program. Impact estimates are not available from the agency.

Other: None.