

**§12156. Release of wildlife into wild**

**1. Permit required.** Except as otherwise authorized pursuant to this Part, a person may not release into the wild captive, raised or imported wildlife unless that person has a valid permit issued under this section. Each day a person violates this subsection that person commits a Class E crime for which a minimum fine of \$50 and an amount equal to twice the applicable license fee must be imposed.

[PL 2017, c. 205, §20 (AMD).]

**2. Issuance.** The commissioner may issue a written permit to any person permitting that person to release into the wild captive, raised or imported wildlife.

[PL 2017, c. 205, §20 (AMD).]

**3. Wild turkey restrictions.** Only the commissioner or agents of the commissioner may sell, give away or release into the wild any live wild turkey, hybrid wild turkey, wild turkey-domestic turkey cross or fertile egg of these species.

[PL 2003, c. 414, Pt. A, §2 (NEW); PL 2003, c. 614, §9 (AFF).]

**SECTION HISTORY**

PL 2003, c. 414, §A2 (NEW). PL 2003, c. 414, §D7 (AFF). PL 2003, c. 614, §9 (AFF). PL 2017, c. 205, §20 (AMD).

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