

## Guidelines for Reptile Vendors in Louisiana

1) You must have a Wholesale/Dealer's License to buy for resale of *native* reptiles & amphibians or to transport them for commercial purposes in or out of state, whether wild caught or captive bred, regardless of generations removed from the wild. Annual cost is \$105 for residents and \$405 for non-residents. You may purchase a 3 day non-resident license for \$75. There is a 1% sales tax for Louisiana residents selling *native* reptiles out of state. The phone number for licenses is 225-765-2998. [Class III violation]

[note: anybody with a W/D license may not possess any Louisiana reptiles that are illegal to sell]

2) It is your customer's responsibility to have a current fishing license to purchase or possess Reptiles & Amphibians that are native to Louisiana. (class 1 violation)

3) Box turtles and alligator snapping turtles are not allowed to be sold or possessed by vendors.

4) FDA regulations prohibit the selling or giving away of turtles under 4 inches. Educational purposes and other exemptions must be proven.

5) LA Dept of Wildlife & Fisheries requires permits for constrictors over 12 feet and venomous snakes. If you sell a constrictor that will approach or exceed 12 feet, then the customer should be informed before the sale, that a permit would be required if the snake grows in excess of 12 feet, after the regulations are finalized. This would include but not limited to the sale of Burmese pythons, Reticulated pythons, African rock pythons and Green anacondas. These are state regulations. Individual parishes, towns and cities may have more stringent parameters.