

Arkansas Game and Fish Commission

Code Book

The regulations in this Code Book are hereby adopted by the Arkansas State Game and Fish Commission under authority of Amendment 35 to the Constitution of the State of Arkansas. All laws, rules, regulations, or orders in conflict with the regulations in this Code Book are hereby repealed by the Arkansas State Game and Fish Commission.

09.17 Venomous Reptile Possession Permit Required

It is unlawful to possess any medically significant venomous reptile after July 1, 2021, whether native or non-native to Arkansas, without obtaining a valid Venomous Reptile Permit issued by the Commission and complying with all permit requirements in Addendum [F1.08](#). Persons who have submitted a permit application on or before July 1, 2021, may continue to possess existing stock while the application is being processed.

EXCEPTIONS:

- A. Medically significant venomous reptiles may be transported through Arkansas in accordance with a valid Commission-issued Wildlife Importation Permit.
- B. No permit is required for native venomous reptiles being kept in accordance with Code [09.14](#).
- C. No permit is required for accredited members of the Association of Zoos and Aquariums.
- D. No permit is required for persons possessing native venomous reptiles captured in accordance with a Commission Scientific Collection Permit.
- E. No permit is required for persons possessing native venomous reptiles in accordance with a Commission Conservation Education Permit.

PENALTY: Class 3