



CHAPTER 14
ARTICLE 55 - REGULATION OF CERTAIN REPTILES

N.C.G.S. § 14-417.1.

Regulation of ownership or use of large constricting snakes.

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- § 14-417.1(a)

As used in this Article, large constricting snakes shall mean: Reticulated Python, *Python reticulatus*; Burmese Python, *Python molurus*; African Rock Python, *Python sebae*; Amethystine Python, *Morelia amethystina*; and Green Anaconda, *Eunectes murinus*; or any of their subspecies or hybrids.
- § 14-417.1(b)

It shall be unlawful for any person to own, possess, use, transport, or traffic in any of the large constricting snakes that are not housed in a sturdy and secure enclosure. Enclosures shall be designed to be escape-proof and shall have an operable lock.
- § 14-417.1(c)

Each enclosure shall be labeled clearly and visibly with the scientific name, common name, number of specimens, and owner's identifying information. A written safety protocol and escape recovery plan shall be within sight of permanent housing, and a copy shall accompany the transport of any of the large constricting snakes. The safety protocol shall include emergency contact information, identification of the local animal control office, and first aid procedures.
- § 14-417.1(d)

In the event of an escape of a large constricting snake, the owner or possessor shall immediately notify local law enforcement. (2009-344, s. 1; 2019-204, s. 10(b).)

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