

115-17-16. Commercial use of prairie rattlesnakes. (a) The commercial harvest, possession or sale of prairie rattlesnakes (*Crotalus viridis viridis*) or their parts shall be authorized only in conjunction with a commercial event authorized by the department under a commercial prairie rattlesnake special event permit or as otherwise authorized by rules and regulations. Finished products of prairie rattlesnakes taken in conjunction with a commercial prairie rattlesnake special event may be possessed at any time and may be sold at any time.

(b) Any person may apply to the department for a commercial prairie rattlesnake special event permit. Each application shall be on forms provided by the department and shall provide the following information:

- (1) the name and address of the applicant;
- (2) the telephone number of the applicant;
- (3) a description of the event including proposed dates; and
- (4) other information as required by the secretary.

(c) Each permittee shall maintain a record of event activity and shall submit a final report to the department within 30 days following the expiration of the special event permit. The record and report shall include the following information:

- (1) the name and address of the permittee;
- (2) the permit number of the permittee;
- (3) the number of commercial prairie rattlesnake harvest permittees registered for the event;
- (4) the number of commercial prairie rattlesnake dealer permittees registered for the event;

- (5) an estimate of the number and pounds of prairie rattlesnakes processed; and
 - (6) other information as required by the secretary.
- (d) General provisions.

(1) Each application for a commercial prairie rattlesnake special event permit shall be submitted to the department not less than 30 days prior to the requested dates for the event.

(2) Each commercial prairie rattlesnake special event permit shall be issued only for an event which occurs during the period of time from April 1 through June 15.

(3) The length of time for a commercial prairie rattlesnake special event shall not exceed 30 days.

(4) Each commercial prairie rattlesnake special event permit shall authorize the possession of prairie rattlesnakes, their parts or finished products without regard to numbers.

(5) Each prairie rattlesnake that is 18 inches in length or greater and not otherwise disposed of during the commercial prairie rattlesnake special event and each prairie rattlesnake less than 18 inches in length shall be released live and unrestrained at the end of the commercial prairie rattlesnake special event unless otherwise authorized by the department.

(6) Each permittee shall cooperate with enforcement, research and data-gathering efforts conducted or authorized by the department in conjunction with the commercial prairie rattlesnake special event.

(7) Each permittee shall comply with permit conditions as specified in the commercial prairie rattlesnake special event permit.

- (e) In addition to other penalties prescribed by law, a commercial prairie rattlesnake

special event application or permit may be denied or may be revoked by the secretary if:

- (1) the application is incomplete or contains false information;
- (2) the permittee fails to meet permit requirements or violates permit conditions; or
- (3) the permittee violates any provisions of law, rules or regulations related to the

commercial use of prairie rattlesnakes. (Authorized by K.S.A. 1992 Supp. 32-807, as amended by L. 1993, Chapter 185, section 2 and K.S.A. 1992 Supp. 32-941, as amended by L. 1993, Chapter 139, section 1; implementing K.S.A. 1992 Supp. 32-807, as amended by L. 1993, Chapter 185, section 2, K.S.A. 1992 Supp. 32-941, as amended by L. 1993, Chapter 139, section 1, K.S.A. 1992 Supp. 32-1002, as amended by L. 1993, Chapter 185, section 9 and K.S.A. 1992 Supp. 32-1005; effective April 11, 1994.)