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## **Crist signs Fla. python ban, ephedrine tracking**

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Gov. Charlie Crist has signed bills banning the ownership of Burmese pythons and other reptiles and requiring tracking of over-the-counter ephedrine sales.

The reptile bill (SB 318) signed Thursday prohibits importation and personal ownership of seven nonnative species.

They've become a problem in the wild when they escape or are released and one killed a child last year in Sumter County.

The ephedrine law (SB 1050) is designed to help catch those who use of the substance for making illegal methamphetamine.

Crist also signed bills loosening Florida seaport regulations so they'll be more competitive with ports in other states (HB 963) and lift restrictions on siting homes for developmentally disabled people (SB 1166).

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