



General Assembly

**Substitute Bill No. 5010**

January Session, 2005

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**AN ACT CONCERNING ANIMALS.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1       Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) Not later than January 1, 2006, the  
2 Commissioner of Agriculture shall report, in accordance with section  
3 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint standing committee of the  
4 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to agriculture  
5 regarding the Department of Agriculture's enforcement of current  
6 statutes and regulations regarding the sale of dogs under the age of  
7 one year.

8       Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2005*) (a) For purposes of this  
9 section "traveling exhibition" means a display, including, but not  
10 limited to, an exhibit, act, circus, public show, trade show,  
11 photographic opportunity, carnival, parade, petting zoo or zoo, that  
12 has no permanent legal residence or sites in this state or remains  
13 continuously at one location within this state for a period of less than  
14 sixty days.

15       (b) There is established an elephant inspection account, which shall  
16 be a separate, nonlapsing account within the General Fund and which  
17 shall be financed by fees pursuant to subsection (c) of this section.

18       (c) Not later than thirty days prior to entering the state, a person  
19 bringing an elephant into the state as part of a traveling exhibition

20 shall notify the Commissioner of Agriculture by filing an itinerary for  
21 the traveling exhibition, which itinerary shall be accompanied by a fee  
22 of seventy-five dollars. Such person shall provide a copy of such  
23 itinerary to each municipality that will host the subject traveling  
24 exhibition. Such person shall notify the commissioner if there are  
25 necessary updates to such itinerary. Persons who fail to file or update  
26 an itinerary shall be fined not more than one thousand dollars.

27 (d) A state or municipal animal control officer, a veterinarian  
28 employed by the state, or a licensed veterinarian, at the direction of the  
29 Commissioner of Agriculture, may, at a reasonable time, enter an area  
30 where an elephant is kept with a traveling exhibition and inspect for  
31 compliance with this section and regulations adopted pursuant to this  
32 section. A person employed by the traveling exhibition who is  
33 responsible for the care of the elephant shall assist the person  
34 performing the inspection pursuant to this section as needed.

35 (e) The Commissioner of Agriculture shall adopt regulations, in  
36 accordance with the provisions of chapter 54 of the general statutes, to  
37 prevent the abuse and mistreatment of elephants in traveling  
38 exhibitions.

39 (f) Nothing in this section shall preclude an action pursuant to  
40 section 53-247 of the general statutes.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2005</i>	New section

**ENV**      *Joint Favorable Subst.*