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To: Subst. House Bill No. 5409

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"AN ACT CONCERNING PET SHOPS AND CONSUMER REIMBURSEMENT FOR CERTAIN VETERINARY EXPENSES."

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. Subsections (a) and (b) of section 26-40a of the general
4 statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof
5 (*Effective October 1, 2012*):

6 (a) No person shall possess a potentially dangerous animal. For the
7 purposes of this section, the following wildlife, or any hybrid thereof,
8 shall be considered potentially dangerous animals:

9 (1) The felidae, including, but not limited to, the lion, leopard,
10 cheetah, jaguar, ocelot, jaguarundi cat, puma, lynx and bobcat;

11 (2) The canidae, including, but not limited to, the wolf, and coyote;

12 (3) The ursidae, including, but not limited to, the black bear, grizzly
13 bear and brown bear; and

14 (4) The hominidae, including, but not limited to, the gorilla,
15 chimpanzee and orangutan.

16 (b) A primate that weighs less than thirty-five pounds at maturity
17 and that was imported or possessed by a person in this state prior to
18 October 1, [2003] 2010, shall not be considered a potentially dangerous
19 animal pursuant to this section.

20 Sec. 2. Subsection (a) of section 26-55 of the general statutes is
21 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
22 *October 1, 2012*):

23 (a) Except as provided in subsection (c) of this section, no person
24 shall import or introduce into the state, or possess or liberate therein,
25 any live fish, wild bird, wild mammal, reptile, amphibian or
26 invertebrate unless such person has obtained a permit therefor from
27 the commissioner. Such permit may be issued at the discretion of the
28 commissioner under such regulations as the commissioner may
29 prescribe. The commissioner shall by regulation prescribe the numbers
30 of live fish, wild birds, wild mammals, reptiles, amphibians or
31 invertebrates of certain species which may be imported, possessed,
32 introduced into the state or liberated therein. The commissioner may
33 by regulation exempt certain species or groups of live fish from the
34 permit requirements. The commissioner shall by regulation determine
35 which species of wild birds, wild mammals, reptiles, amphibians or
36 invertebrates must meet permit requirements. The commissioner may
37 totally prohibit the importation, possession, introduction into the state
38 or liberation therein of certain species which the commissioner has
39 determined may be a potential threat to humans, agricultural crops or
40 established species of plants, fish, birds, mammals, reptiles,
41 amphibians or invertebrates. The commissioner shall by regulation
42 exempt from permit requirements organizations or institutions such as
43 municipal parks, zoos, laboratories and research facilities maintained

44 by scientific or educational institutions, museums, public nonprofit
 45 aquaria or nature centers where live fish, wild birds, wild mammals,
 46 reptiles, amphibians or invertebrates are held in strict confinement. For
 47 the purpose of this subsection and any regulation adopted pursuant to
 48 this subsection, ferrets (*Mustela putorius*), hedgehogs of the family
 49 Erinaceidae, genera *Atelerix*, sugar gliders (*Petaurus breviceps*) and
 50 degu (*Octodon degus*) shall not be deemed to be wild mammals."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2012	26-40a(a) and (b)
Sec. 2	October 1, 2012	26-55(a)