



General Assembly

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Proposed Bill No. 5123

LCO No. 547



Referred to Committee on ENVIRONMENT

Introduced by:

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AN ACT CONCERNING THE USE OF CERTAIN ANIMALS IN TRAVELING ANIMAL ACTS.

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

1 That the general statutes be amended to provide the following
2 definitions: (1) "Covered animal" means any of the following animals
3 and hybrids thereof: (A) Artiodactyla, excluding domestic cattle, bison,
4 American buffalo, water buffalo, yak, zebu, gayal, bali cattle, suidae,
5 sheep, goats, llamas or alpacas; (B) canidae, excluding domestic dogs;
6 (C) elasmobranchii, excluding rays; (D) elephantidae; (E) felidae, but
7 excluding domestic cats; (F) marsupialia; (G) nonhuman primate; (H)
8 perissodactyla, excluding domestic horses, ponies, donkeys or mules; (I)
9 pinnipedia; (J) ratites; and (K) ursidae; (2) "mobile or traveling housing
10 facility" means a transporting vehicle such as a truck, trailer or railway
11 car used to transport or house animals while traveling for exhibition or
12 other performance; (3) "performance" means any exhibition, public
13 showing, presentation, display, exposition, fair, animal act, circus, ride,
14 trade show, petting zoo, carnival, parade, race or similar undertaking in
15 which animals are required to perform tricks, give rides or participate

16 as accompaniments for the entertainment, amusement, or benefit of a
17 live audience; and (4) "traveling animal act" means any performance of
18 animals where such animals are transported to, from or between
19 locations for the purpose of such performance, in a mobile or traveling
20 housing facility. Also to provide that notwithstanding any other
21 provision of law, no person shall allow for the participation of a covered
22 animal in a traveling animal act. Further to provide that this prohibition
23 shall not apply to a performance that takes place at a nonmobile,
24 permanent institution or other fixed facility, provided that the covered
25 animal is not transported to such location for the purpose of such
26 performance. Finally, to provide that any person who willfully violates
27 any provision of this section shall be guilty of a class A misdemeanor.

Statement of Purpose:

To prohibit the use of certain animals in traveling animal acts.