



General Assembly

January Session, 2023

Committee Bill No. 5123

LCO No. 4047



Referred to Committee on ENVIRONMENT

Introduced by:
(ENV)

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 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2023*) For the purposes of this
2 section: (1) "Covered animal" means any of the following animals and
3 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,
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.

21 (b) Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes, no person
22 shall allow for the participation of a covered animal in any traveling
23 animal act. Such prohibition shall not apply to a performance that takes
24 place at a nonmobile, permanent institution or other fixed facility,
25 provided any covered animal is not transported to such location for the
26 purpose of such performance.

27 (c) Any person who wilfully violates any provision of this section
28 shall be guilty of a class A misdemeanor.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2023</i>	New section

Statement of Purpose:

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

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]

Co-Sponsors: REP. MICHEL, 146th Dist.; REP. KLARIDES-DITRIA, 105th Dist.
REP. LABRIOLA, 131st Dist.; REP. BOLINSKY, 106th Dist.
REP. HUGHES, 135th Dist.

H.B. 5123