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**SENATE BILL 21-135**

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**HOUSE SPONSORSHIP**

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Agriculture & Natural Resources

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**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

101      **CONCERNING A PROHIBITION ON THE USE OF CERTAIN ANIMALS IN A**  
102      **TRAVELING ANIMAL ACT.**

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**Bill Summary**

*(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://leg.colorado.gov>.)*

The bill creates the "Traveling Animal Protection Act" (Act), which prohibits the use of certain animals in a traveling animal act. A person who violates the Act commits a misdemeanor and is subject to a fine ranging from \$250 to \$1,000 per violation.

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Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.  
*Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material to be added to existing statute.*  
*Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.*

SENATE  
Amended 2nd Reading  
March 24, 2021

1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 33-1-126 as  
3 follows:

4 **33-1-126. Prohibiting certain animals in a traveling animal act**

5 **- short title - definitions.** (1) THE SHORT TITLE OF THIS SECTION IS THE  
6 "TRAVELING ANIMAL PROTECTION ACT".

7 (2) AS USED IN THIS SECTION, UNLESS THE CONTEXT OTHERWISE  
8 REQUIRES:

9 (a) "CAUSE A PERFORMANCE" MEANS TO ALLOW FOR THE  
10 PARTICIPATION OF AN ANIMAL IN A PERFORMANCE, TO BE RESPONSIBLE  
11 FOR A PERFORMANCE, TO FINANCIALLY BENEFIT AS AN OWNER OR  
12 OPERATOR FROM A PERFORMANCE, TO FINANCIALLY BENEFIT AS A PERSON  
13 WHO OWNS OR CONTROLS A PROPERTY USED FOR A PERFORMANCE, OR TO  
14 USE ANY MEANS OF COMMUNICATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROMOTING A  
15 PERFORMANCE ON BEHALF OF THE OWNER OR OPERATOR OF A  
16 PERFORMANCE OR THE VENUE FOR A PERFORMANCE.

17 (b) "ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION PROGRAM" MEANS AN ANIMAL  
18 EXHIBITION THAT:

19 (I) IS DESIGNED BY A PROFESSIONAL TO IMPART KNOWLEDGE OR  
20 INFORMATION FOR EDUCATIONAL OR CONSERVATION PURPOSES ABOUT  
21 ONE OR MORE ANIMALS' NATURAL BEHAVIOR, HABITAT, LIFE CYCLE, OR  
22 SIMILAR PEDAGOGICAL INFORMATION;

23 (II) IS CONDUCTED BY AN INDIVIDUAL QUALIFIED TO IMPART SUCH  
24 INFORMATION; AND

25 (III) DOES NOT INCLUDE ANY PERFORMANCE OF BEHAVIOR BY AN  
26 ANIMAL THAT DOES NOT NATURALLY OCCUR FOR THAT ANIMAL IN THE  
27 WILD STATE, EXCEPT FOR INDUSTRY-STANDARD HUSBANDRY PRACTICES

1 FOR VETERINARY PURPOSES.

2 (c) "PERFORMANCE" MEANS ANY ANIMAL ACT, CIRCUS, RIDE,  
3 CARNIVAL, PARADE, RACE, PERFORMANCE, OR SIMILAR UNDERTAKING IN  
4 WHICH ANIMALS ARE:

5 (I) REQUIRED TO PERFORM TRICKS, GIVE RIDES, OR PARTICIPATE AS  
6 ACCOMPANIMENTS FOR THE ENTERTAINMENT, AMUSEMENT, OR BENEFIT  
7 OF AN AUDIENCE; OR

8 (II) USED PRIMARILY FOR PHOTOGRAPHIC PURPOSES.

9 (d) "TRAVELING ANIMAL ACT" MEANS ANY PERFORMANCE OF AN  
10 ANIMAL WHERE THE ANIMAL IS TRANSPORTED TO, FROM, OR BETWEEN  
11 LOCATIONS FOR THE PURPOSE OF THE PERFORMANCE.

12 (3) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (4) OF THIS SECTION, A  
13 PERSON SHALL NOT CAUSE A PERFORMANCE OF THE FOLLOWING ANIMALS,  
14 INCLUDING HYBRIDS OF THE FOLLOWING ANIMALS, WHETHER WILD-BORNE  
15 OR CAPTIVE-BRED, IN A TRAVELING ANIMAL ACT:

16 (a) CETARTIODACTYLA OTHER THAN BISON, CATTLE, DEER, ELK,  
17 GOATS, REINDEER, SWINE, AND SHEEP;

18 (b) FELIDAE OTHER THAN DOMESTIC CATS;

19 (c) WILD CANIDAE OTHER THAN DOMESTIC DOGS;

20 (d) MARSUPIALIA;

21 (e) NONHUMAN PRIMATES;

22 (f) PERISSODACTYLA OTHER THAN HORSES, DONKEYS, AND MULES;

23 (g) PINNIPEDIA;

24 (h) PROBOSCIDEA;

25 (i) RATITES;

26 (j) SPHENISCIDAE; AND

27 (k) URSIDAE.

1 (4) THIS SECTION DOES NOT PROHIBIT THE USE OF AN ANIMAL  
2 SPECIFIED IN SUBSECTION (3) OF THIS SECTION:

3 (a) IN AN EXHIBITION AT A:

4 (I) WILDLIFE SANCTUARY; OR

5 (II) NONMOBILE, PERMANENT INSTITUTION, FACILITY, ZOO, OR  
6 AQUARIUM ACCREDITED BY THE ASSOCIATION OF ZOOS AND AQUARIUMS  
7 OR THE GLOBAL FEDERATION OF ANIMAL SANCTUARIES, OR ANY  
8 SUCCESSOR ORGANIZATIONS;

9 (b) IF THE ANIMAL IS LIVESTOCK, AS DEFINED IN SECTION  
10 35-80-102 (9), OR ALTERNATIVE LIVESTOCK, AS DEFINED IN SECTION  
11 35-41.5-102 (1);

12 (c) AS PART OF AN ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION PROGRAM IF:

13 (I) THE ANIMAL IS NOT USED MORE THAN SIX MONTHS IN A  
14 CALENDAR YEAR; AND

15 (II) THE ANIMAL IS NOT KEPT IN A VEHICLE FOR MORE THAN  
16 TWELVE HOURS PER DAY, WHEN THE VEHICLE IS USED TO TRANSPORT OR  
17 HOUSE THE ANIMAL WHILE TRAVELING TO, FROM, OR BETWEEN LOCATIONS  
18 FOR PERFORMANCE PURPOSES;       

19 (d) BY A UNIVERSITY, COLLEGE, LABORATORY, OR OTHER  
20 RESEARCH FACILITY PROPERLY LICENSED OR REGISTERED UNDER THE  
21 FEDERAL "ANIMAL WELFARE ACT OF 1970", 7 U.S.C. SEC. 2131 ET SEQ.,  
22 AS AMENDED, FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONDUCTING RESEARCH; OR

23 (e) FOR THE SOLE PURPOSE OF A FILM, AS DEFINED IN SECTION  
24 24-48.5-114 (1), OR A TELEVISION PRODUCTION, IF THE USE IN THE FILM OR  
25 TELEVISION PRODUCTION DOES NOT INVOLVE A LIVE ANIMAL EXHIBITION  
26 OR PERFORMANCE CONDUCTED BEFORE AN AUDIENCE OR INTERACTION  
27 WITH AN AUDIENCE, THE PUBLIC, CLIENTS, OR CUSTOMERS.

1           (5) A PERSON WHO VIOLATES THIS SECTION IS GUILTY OF A  
2 MISDEMEANOR AND, UPON CONVICTION THEREOF, SHALL BE PUNISHED BY  
3 A FINE OF NOT LESS THAN TWO HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS AND NOT MORE  
4 THAN ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS PER VIOLATION.

5           (6) THIS SECTION DOES NOT PROHIBIT WORKING DOG TRIALS,  
6 LIVESTOCK OR HORSE SHOWS, OR ANY OTHER EXHIBITION INVOLVING  
7 LIVESTOCK.

8           **SECTION 2. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act  
9 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the  
10 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly; except  
11 that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V  
12 of the state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this  
13 act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take  
14 effect unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in  
15 November 2022 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the  
16 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.