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Seventy-fifth General Assembly  
STATE OF COLORADO**

**ENGROSSED**

*This Version Includes All Amendments Adopted  
on Second Reading in the House of Introduction*

LLS NO. 26-0053.02 Clare Haffner x6137

**HOUSE BILL 26-1133**

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**HOUSE SPONSORSHIP**

**Duran and Valdez,**

**SENATE SPONSORSHIP**

**(None),**

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**House Committees**  
Business Affairs & Labor

**Senate Committees**

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**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

101      **CONCERNING AN ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION PROGRAM THAT IS**  
102                    **CONDUCTED PURSUANT TO THE "TRAVELING ANIMAL**  
103                    **PROTECTION 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 "Traveling Animal Protection Act" permits the use of certain animals as part of an environmental education program if certain requirements are met. The bill clarifies that an environmental education program is a program that is conducted by a professional who is qualified to impart environmental education information. The bill defines

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.  
Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material to be added to existing law.  
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HOUSE  
Amended 2nd Reading  
February 27, 2026

"professional" as an individual or an organization that has obtained at least one specific professional environmental education accreditation or certification.

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

2 **SECTION 1. Legislative declaration.** (1) The general assembly  
3 finds and declares that:

4 (a) The "Traveling Animal Protection Act", section 33-1-126,  
5 Colorado Revised Statutes, prohibits certain uses of specific animals but  
6 does not prohibit the use of livestock or equine in any way; and

7 (b) Nothing in this act prohibits the transportation of livestock or  
8 equine within, into, or out of the state.

9 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 33-1-126, **amend**  
10 (2)(b)(II); and **add** (2)(c.5) as follows:

11 **33-1-126. Prohibiting certain animals in a traveling animal act**  
12 **- short title - definitions.**

13 (2) As used in this section, unless the context otherwise requires:

14 (b) "Environmental education program" means an animal  
15 exhibition that:

16 (II) Is conducted by ~~an individual~~ A PROFESSIONAL qualified to  
17 impart such information; and

18 (c.5) "PROFESSIONAL" MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL OR AN  
19 ORGANIZATION THAT HAS OBTAINED A PROFESSIONAL ACCREDITATION  
20 OR CERTIFICATION FROM AT LEAST ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:

21 (I) THE ASSOCIATION OF ZOOS AND AQUARIUMS;

22 (II) THE GLOBAL FEDERATION OF ANIMAL SANCTUARIES; OR

23 (III) THE AMERICAN SANCTUARY ASSOCIATION.

24 **SECTION 3. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act

1 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the  
2 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly (August  
3 12, 2026, if adjournment sine die is on May 13, 2026); except that, if a  
4 referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the  
5 state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act  
6 within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect  
7 unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in  
8 November 2026 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the  
9 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.