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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2019

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RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY

Introduced By: Senators Lynch Prata, and Coyne

Date Introduced: January 24, 2019

Referred To: Senate Judiciary

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Title 4 of the General Laws entitled "ANIMALS AND ANIMAL  
2 HUSBANDRY" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following chapter:

3 CHAPTER 28

4 PROHIBITION OF WILD OR EXOTIC ANIMALS IN TRAVELING ANIMAL ACTS

5 **4-28-1. Definitions.**

6 As used in this section:

7 (1) "Mobile or traveling housing facility" means a vehicle, including a truck, trailer, or  
8 railway car, used to transport or house an animal used for performance.

9 (2) "Performance" means any animal act, carnival, circus, display, exhibition, exposition,  
10 fair, parade, petting zoo, presentation, public showing, race, ride, trade show, or similar  
11 undertaking in which animals perform tricks, give rides, or participate as accompaniments for the  
12 entertainment, amusement, or benefit of a live audience.

13 (3) "Traveling animal act" means any performance which requires an animal to be  
14 transported to or from the location of the performance in a mobile or traveling housing facility.

15 (4) "Wild or exotic animal" is defined as an animal that is native to a foreign country or  
16 of foreign origin or character, not native to the United States, or was introduced to the United  
17 States from abroad.

18 **4-28-2. Prohibition.**

19 No person shall use a wild or exotic animal in a traveling animal act.

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**4-28-3. Penalties.**

Any person who violates the provisions of section § 4-28-2 shall be fined not more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000) per violation, or imprisoned for not more than one year, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION  
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- 1           This act would prohibit the use of wild or exotic animals in traveling animal acts and sets
- 2   forth the penalties for violation of such prohibition.
- 3           This act would take effect upon passage.

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