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**SYNOPSIS**

“Nosey’s Law”; prohibits use of wild or exotic animals in traveling animal acts.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As reported by the Senate Economic Growth Committee on May 31, 2018, with amendments.



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1 AN ACT concerning the use of wild or exotic animals in traveling  
2 animal acts, designated as Nosey’s Law, and supplementing Title  
3 23 of the Revised Statutes.

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5 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State  
6 of New Jersey:

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8 1. a. As used in this section:

9 “Mobile or traveling housing facility” means a vehicle,  
10 including a truck, trailer, or railway car, used to transport or house  
11 an animal used for performance.

12 “Performance” means any animal act, carnival, circus, display,  
13 exhibition, exposition, fair, parade, petting zoo, presentation, public  
14 showing, race, ride, trade show, or similar undertaking in which  
15 animals perform tricks, give rides, or participate as accompaniments  
16 for the entertainment, amusement, or benefit of a live audience.

17 “Traveling animal act” means any performance which requires  
18 an animal to be transported to or from the location of a performance  
19 in a mobile or traveling housing facility.

20 “Wild or exotic animal” means any <sup>1</sup>**[non-domesticated species**  
21 **of mammal, bird, reptile, or amphibian]** live animal that is  
22 classified into any of the following scientific classifications:

23 (1) Artiodactyla, excluding domestic cattle, bison, American  
24 buffalo, water buffalo, yak, zebu, gayal, bali cattle, suidae, sheep,  
25 goats, llamas, or alpacas;

26 (2) Camelidae;

27 (3) Canidae, including any hybrids thereof, but excluding  
28 domestic dogs;

29 (4) Crocodilia;

30 (5) Elephantidae;

31 (6) Felidae, including any hybrids thereof, but excluding  
32 domestic cats;

33 (7) Marsupialia;

34 (8) Non-human primate;

35 (9) Perissodactyla, excluding domestic horses, ponies, donkeys,  
36 or mules;

37 (10)Pinnipedia;

38 (11)Ursidae; and

39 (12)Elasmobranchii, excluding rays<sup>1</sup>.

40 b. Notwithstanding any other law, rule, or regulation adopted  
41 pursuant thereto, to the contrary, no person shall use a wild or  
42 exotic animal in a traveling animal act.

43 c. Any person who violates this section shall be subject to the  
44 penalties provided for in section 10 of P.L.1973, c.309 (C.23:2A-

**EXPLANATION** – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **[thus]** in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

<sup>1</sup>Senate SEG committee amendments adopted May 31, 2018.

- 1 10), except that the criminal penalties provided in subsection f. of  
2 that section shall not apply.
- 3 d. This section shall not apply to:
- 4 (1) exhibitions at a non-mobile, permanent institution or facility  
5 ~~['certified']~~ licensed<sup>1</sup> by the United States Department of  
6 Agriculture and ~~['accredited by the Association of Zoos and  
7 Aquariums, the Global Federation of Animal Sanctuaries, the  
8 American Sanctuary Association, or a similar organization as  
9 determined by']~~ permitted by the Division of Fish and Wildlife in<sup>1</sup>  
10 the Department of Environmental Protection;
- 11 (2) outreach programs for 'bona fide'<sup>1</sup> educational or  
12 conservation purposes conducted by ' , or affiliated with, '<sup>1</sup> a 'non-  
13 mobile, permanent institution or'<sup>1</sup> facility ~~['accredited by the  
14 Association of Zoos and Aquariums, the Global Federation of  
15 Animal Sanctuaries, the American Sanctuary Association, or a  
16 similar organization as determined by the Department of  
17 Environmental Protection']~~ that meets the requirements described in  
18 paragraph (1) of this subsection<sup>1</sup>;
- 19 (3) an institution of higher education exhibiting wild or exotic  
20 animals for research or education purposes; or
- 21 (4) outreach programs ~~['for educational or conservation  
22 purposes']~~<sup>1</sup> conducted by governmental entities.
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- 24 2. This act shall take effect immediately.