

**SUBSTITUTE FOR  
HOUSE BILL NO. 5778**

A bill to amend 2000 PA 274, entitled  
"Large carnivore act,"  
by amending sections 2, 3, and 22 (MCL 287.1102, 287.1103, and  
287.1122), section 2 as amended by 2016 PA 305 and section 22 as  
amended by 2013 PA 8, and by adding sections 22a, 22b, and 22c.

**THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:**

1       Sec. 2. As used in this act:

2       (a) "Animal control officer" means a county animal control  
3       officer as described in sections 29a and 29b of the dog law of  
4       1919, 1919 PA 339, MCL 287.289a and 287.289b, or a city, village,  
5       or township animal control officer as described in section 29c of  
6       the dog law of 1919, 1919 PA 339, MCL 287.289c.

(b) "Animal control shelter" or "animal protection shelter" means an animal control shelter or animal protection shelter, respectively, registered with the department under section 6 of 1969 PA 287, MCL 287.336.

~~———— (c) "Circus" means an incorporated, class C licensee that is licensed under 9 CFR chapter I that is temporarily in this state, and that offers skilled performances by live animals, clowns, and acrobats for public entertainment. Circus does not include a person, whether or not a class C licensee, who presents a large carnivore to the public as part of a carnival or for any of the following purposes:~~

~~———— (i) Exhibition.~~

~~———— (ii) Education.~~

~~———— (iii) Entertainment that includes wrestling, a photography opportunity with a patron, or an activity in which the large carnivore and a patron are in close contact with each other.~~

**(C) "BREEDING LICENSE" MEANS THE LICENSE GRANTED UNDER SECTION 22B.**

(d) "Department" means the department of agriculture and rural development.

(e) "Facility" means an indoor or outdoor cage, pen, or similar enclosure where a large carnivore is kept.

(f) "Large carnivore" means either of the following:

(i) Any of the following cats of the Felidae family, whether wild or captive bred, including a hybrid cross with such a cat:

(A) A lion.

(B) A leopard, including, but not limited to, a snow leopard

1 or clouded leopard.

2 (C) A jaguar.

3 (D) A tiger.

4 (E) A cougar.

5 (F) A panther.

6 (G) A cheetah.

7 (ii) A bear of a species that is native or nonnative to this  
8 state, whether wild or captive bred.

9 (g) "Law enforcement officer" means:

10 (i) A sheriff or sheriff's deputy.

11 (ii) A village or township marshal.

12 (iii) An officer of the police department of a city, village,  
13 or township.

14 (iv) An officer of the Michigan state police.

15 (v) A peace officer who is trained and licensed or certified  
16 under the Michigan commission on law enforcement standards act,  
17 1965 PA 203, MCL 28.601 to 28.615.

18 (vi) A conservation officer appointed by the department of  
19 natural resources.

20 (vii) An animal control officer.

21 (viii) A law enforcement officer of the federal government  
22 authorized to enforce any federal law regulating animals.

23 (h) "Livestock" means that term as defined in section 5 of the  
24 animal industry act, 1988 PA 466, MCL 287.705.

25 (i) "Local unit" means a city, village, township, or county.

26 (j) "Permit" means a permit issued under section 4.

27 (k) "Permitting agency" means the agency of a local unit that

1 issues permits under section 4.

2 (l) "Person" means an individual, partnership, corporation,  
3 association, governmental entity, or other legal entity.

4 (m) "Pet shop" means a pet shop licensed by the department  
5 under section 3 of 1969 PA 287, MCL 287.333.

6 (N) **"STATE VETERINARIAN" MEANS THAT TERM AS DEFINED IN SECTION**  
7 **6 OF THE ANIMAL INDUSTRY ACT, 1988 PA 466, MCL 287.706.**

8 (O) ~~(n)~~ "Veterinarian" means a person licensed to practice  
9 veterinary medicine under article 15 of the public health code,  
10 1978 PA 368, MCL 333.16101 to 333.18838.

11 Sec. 3. A person shall not do any of the following:

12 (a) Own or possess a large carnivore except in compliance with  
13 this act.

14 (b) ~~Breed~~ **EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 22A, BREED** a large  
15 carnivore.

16 (c) Transfer ownership or possession of or receive a transfer  
17 of ownership or possession of a large carnivore, with or without  
18 remuneration. This subdivision does not apply to a transfer of  
19 ownership or possession of a large carnivore expressly authorized  
20 or required by this act.

21 Sec. 22. (1) Sections 4, 5, and 6 do not apply to any of the  
22 following:

23 ~~— (a) An animal control shelter or animal protection shelter.~~

24 (A) ~~(b)~~ A person **WHO IS** licensed or approved by the department  
25 of natural resources of this state or by the United States ~~fish and~~  
26 ~~wildlife service~~ **FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE** of the United States  
27 ~~department of the interior.~~ **DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.** This

subdivision does not apply to a person in possession of 1 or more black bears under the authority of a permit to hold wildlife in captivity issued by the department of natural resources.

~~— (c) A zoological park approved or accredited by the American zoo and aquarium association.~~

~~— (d) A person approved by the association of sanctuaries or the American sanctuary association.~~

(B) ~~(e)~~ A law enforcement officer acting under the authority of this act.

(C) ~~(f)~~ A veterinarian temporarily in possession of a large carnivore to provide veterinary care for or humanely euthanize the large carnivore.

(2) Sections 4, 5, 6(1)(d) to (5)(d), 8, and 14(3) do not apply to a person who is not a resident of this state and who is in this state only for the purpose of travel between locations outside of this state.

**(3) SECTIONS 4, 5, 6(1)(D) TO (5)(D), AND 14(3) DO NOT APPLY TO AN ANIMAL CONTROL SHELTER OR ANIMAL PROTECTION SHELTER IN POSSESSION OF A LARGE CARNIVORE FOR NOT MORE THAN 30 DAYS TO PROVIDE HUMANE EUTHANASIA OR EXPORT THE LARGE CARNIVORE TO ANOTHER STATE UNDER SECTION 8.**

~~(4) (3) Subject to subsection (2), this act does~~ **SECTIONS 4, 6(1)(D) TO (5)(D), 8, AND 14(3) DO** not apply to a person who **RESIDES IN THIS STATE AND** meets all of the following requirements:

(a) Is conducting a for-profit or nonprofit business, if the primary purpose of that business is the presentation of animals including large carnivores to the public for education or

1 exhibition purposes.

2 (b) Is a class C licensee that possesses and maintains a class  
3 C license under 9 CFR parts 1 and 2.

4 (c) Meets or exceeds all standards **REQUIRED OF A CLASS C**  
5 **LICENSEE UNDER 9 CFR PARTS 1 AND 2**, including, but not limited to,  
6 standards for training, housing, care, and transport of large  
7 carnivores. ~~, required of a class C licensee under 9 CFR parts 1~~  
8 ~~and 2.~~ **IF THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE HAS, WITHIN**  
9 **THE LAST 5 YEARS, CONFISCATED AN ANIMAL OF, OR ISSUED AN OFFICIAL**  
10 **WARNING LETTER TO OR A CIVIL PENALTY, INCLUDING A CEASE AND DESIST**  
11 **ORDER, A MONETARY PENALTY, OR A LICENSE SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION**  
12 **AGAINST, A CLASS C LICENSEE, THAT CLASS C LICENSEE DOES NOT MEET**  
13 **THE REQUIREMENT UNDER THIS SUBDIVISION.**

14 (d) Except as provided in subsection ~~(4)~~, **(5)**, does not allow  
15 a patron to do ~~any~~ **EITHER** of the following:

16 (i) Come into direct contact with a large carnivore.

17 (ii) Come into close enough contact with a large carnivore  
18 over 20 weeks of age so as to place the patron in jeopardy of being  
19 harmed by the large carnivore.

20 (e) Does not sell large carnivores, except to another person  
21 that meets the requirements of this subsection.

22 (f) Does not breed large carnivores.

23 **(5)** ~~(4) This act does not apply to a~~ **A** person who ~~allows~~  
24 **OTHERWISE MEETS THE REQUIREMENTS UNDER SUBSECTION (4) MAY ALLOW** a  
25 patron to come into contact with a large carnivore ~~under subsection~~  
26 ~~(3) (d) (i) or (ii)~~ if the large carnivore is a bear less than 36  
27 weeks of age or a bear weighing 90 pounds or less if the person

~~otherwise meets the requirements of subsection (3) and satisfies~~ 1  
of the following:

(a) The person was in possession of a bear on ~~the effective~~  
~~date of the 2013 amendatory act that amended this section.~~ **MARCH 26,**  
**2013.**

(b) The person acquired a business described in subsection  
~~(3)(a) (4)~~ from a person who was in possession of a bear on ~~the~~  
~~effective date of the 2013 amendatory act that amended this~~  
~~section.~~ **MARCH 26, 2013.**

~~(5) This act does not apply to a circus.~~

**(6) A PERSON WHO HOLDS A VALID BREEDING LICENSE UNDER SECTION**  
**22B IS EXEMPT FROM SECTIONS 4, 5, 6(1) (D) TO (5) (D), AND 14(3).**

**SEC. 22A. SUBJECT TO SECTION 22B, A PERSON WHO MEETS ALL OF**  
**THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS MAY APPLY TO THE DEPARTMENT FOR A**  
**BREEDING LICENSE TO BREED LARGE CARNIVORES:**

**(A) IS CONDUCTING A FOR-PROFIT OR NONPROFIT BUSINESS, IF THE**  
**PRIMARY PURPOSE OF THAT BUSINESS IS THE PRESENTATION OF ANIMALS**  
**INCLUDING LARGE CARNIVORES TO THE PUBLIC FOR EDUCATION OR**  
**EXHIBITION PURPOSES.**

**(B) IS A CLASS C LICENSEE THAT POSSESSES AND MAINTAINS A CLASS**  
**C LICENSE UNDER 9 CFR PARTS 1 AND 2.**

**(C) MEETS OR EXCEEDS ALL STANDARDS REQUIRED OF A CLASS C**  
**LICENSEE UNDER 9 CFR PARTS 1 AND 2, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO,**  
**STANDARDS FOR TRAINING, HOUSING, CARE, AND TRANSPORT OF LARGE**  
**CARNIVORES. IF THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE HAS,**  
**WITHIN THE LAST 5 YEARS, CONFISCATED AN ANIMAL OF, OR ISSUED AN**  
**OFFICIAL WARNING LETTER TO OR A CIVIL PENALTY, INCLUDING A CEASE**

1 AND DESIST ORDER, A MONETARY PENALTY, OR A LICENSE SUSPENSION OR  
2 REVOCATION AGAINST, A CLASS C LICENSEE, THAT CLASS C LICENSEE DOES  
3 NOT MEET THE REQUIREMENT UNDER THIS SUBDIVISION.

4 (D) DOES NOT ALLOW A PATRON TO COME INTO DIRECT CONTACT WITH A  
5 LARGE CARNIVORE.

6 (E) DOES NOT SELL LARGE CARNIVORES, EXCEPT TO ANOTHER PERSON  
7 THAT MEETS THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SUBSECTION.

8 SEC. 22B. (1) THE APPLICATION FOR A LICENSE TO BREED LARGE  
9 CARNIVORES MUST BE ON A FORM PRESCRIBED BY THE DEPARTMENT AND MUST  
10 CONTAIN BOTH OF THE FOLLOWING:

11 (A) THE NAME, ADDRESS, TELEPHONE NUMBER, AND ELECTRONIC MAIL  
12 ADDRESS OF THE PERSON APPLYING AND, IF THE PERSON APPLYING IS A  
13 CORPORATION, PARTNERSHIP, ASSOCIATION, GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY, OR  
14 OTHER LEGAL ENTITY, LIST ANY PARTNERS, OFFICERS, OR AGENT FOR  
15 SERVICE OF PROCESS.

16 (B) A DESCRIPTION OF THE 2 LARGE CARNIVORES THE PERSON INTENDS  
17 TO BREED AND THE PURPOSE FOR THE BREEDING THAT DEMONSTRATES  
18 COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION 22C(1) (I) .

19 (2) THE APPLICATION DESCRIBED UNDER SUBSECTION (1) MUST BE  
20 ACCOMPANIED BY THE FOLLOWING:

21 (A) DOCUMENTATION FROM THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF  
22 AGRICULTURE THAT THE PERSON HAS NOT HAD AN ANIMAL CONFISCATED OR  
23 BEEN ISSUED AN OFFICIAL WARNING LETTER OR CIVIL PENALTY AS  
24 DESCRIBED IN SECTION 22A(C) .

25 (B) DOCUMENTATION THAT THE PERSON COMPLIES WITH SECTION 22A.

26 (C) DOCUMENTATION THAT THE PERSON COMPLIES WITH SECTION 22C.  
27 DOCUMENTATION THAT THE PERSON COMPLIES WITH SECTION 22C(1) (C) AND



1 (D) MUST BE FROM A LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY.

2 (3) SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION (6), A BREEDING LICENSE TO BREED THE  
3 2 LARGE CARNIVORES IDENTIFIED UNDER SUBSECTION (1)(B) THAT IS  
4 GRANTED UNDER THIS SECTION IS VALID FOR 2 YEARS FROM THE DATE THE  
5 BREEDING LICENSE IS GRANTED.

6 (4) UPON RECEIPT OF AN APPLICATION DESCRIBED UNDER SUBSECTION  
7 (1), THE DEPARTMENT SHALL FORWARD THE APPLICATION TO THE LARGE  
8 CARNIVORE BREEDING ADVISORY COMMITTEE CREATED IN SUBSECTION (5).  
9 NOT LATER THAN 90 DAYS AFTER RECEIVING AN APPLICATION UNDER  
10 SUBSECTION (1), THE DEPARTMENT SHALL DENY, GRANT, OR GRANT WITH  
11 CONDITIONS THE APPLICATION FOR A BREEDING LICENSE AFTER CONSIDERING  
12 THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE STATE VETERINARIAN. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL  
13 NOT GRANT MORE THAN 10 BREEDING LICENSES IN A YEAR. RECEIPT OF THE  
14 APPLICATION IS CONSIDERED THE DATE THE APPLICATION IS RECEIVED BY  
15 ANY AGENCY OR DEPARTMENT OF THIS STATE. IF THE APPLICATION IS  
16 CONSIDERED INCOMPLETE BY THE DEPARTMENT, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL  
17 NOTIFY THE APPLICANT IN WRITING OR MAKE NOTICE ELECTRONICALLY  
18 AVAILABLE WITHIN 14 DAYS AFTER RECEIPT OF THE INCOMPLETE  
19 APPLICATION, DESCRIBING THE DEFICIENCY AND REQUESTING ADDITIONAL  
20 INFORMATION. IF THE DEPARTMENT IDENTIFIES A DEFICIENCY, THE 90-DAY  
21 PERIOD IS TOLLED UPON NOTIFICATION BY THE DEPARTMENT OF A  
22 DEFICIENCY AND UNTIL THE DATE THE REQUESTED INFORMATION IS RECEIVED  
23 BY THE DEPARTMENT.

24 (5) THE LARGE CARNIVORE BREEDING ADVISORY COMMITTEE IS CREATED  
25 IN THE DEPARTMENT TO ADVISE THE DEPARTMENT ON APPLICATIONS FOR A  
26 BREEDING LICENSE. THE COMMITTEE SHALL CONSIST OF THE STATE  
27 VETERINARIAN, WHO SHALL SERVE AS CHAIRPERSON, AND THE FOLLOWING 2

1 MEMBERS APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR:

2 (A) ONE INDIVIDUAL WHO IS A MEMBER OF A PUBLIC ZOO.

3 (B) ONE INDIVIDUAL WHO IS A MEMBER OF A PRIVATE ZOO.

4 (6) THE DEPARTMENT MAY REVOKE A BREEDING LICENSE GRANTED UNDER  
5 THIS SECTION UPON THE ADVICE FROM THE STATE VETERINARIAN AND AFTER  
6 NOTICE AND A HEARING AS PROVIDED UNDER THE ADMINISTRATIVE  
7 PROCEDURES ACT OF 1969, 1969 PA 306, MCL 24.201 TO 24.328.

8 SEC. 22C. (1) A PERSON WHO HOLDS A BREEDING LICENSE GRANTED  
9 UNDER SECTION 22B SHALL DO ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:

10 (A) ENSURE THAT A FACILITY IN WHICH A LARGE CARNIVORE IS  
11 HOUSED IS ADEQUATELY LIT AND FREE OF CLUTTER. SERVICE DOORS MUST BE  
12 CLEARLY MARKED AND IN GOOD WORKING CONDITION, AND SUFFICIENT  
13 BARRIERS MUST BE IN PLACE TO PREVENT UNAUTHORIZED ACCESS TO AREAS  
14 NOT INTENDED FOR PUBLIC ACCESS.

15 (B) PROVIDE IMMEDIATE ACCESS TO STAFF WORKING WITH OR AROUND  
16 LARGE CARNIVORES TO DESIGNATED EMERGENCY RESPONSE PERSONNEL THROUGH  
17 A WALKIE-TALKIE, CELLULAR TELEPHONE, ALARM, OR OTHER ELECTRONIC  
18 DEVICE.

19 (C) CREATE WRITTEN EMERGENCY PROTOCOLS FOR LARGE CARNIVORE  
20 ESCAPES AND INJURIES TO HUMANS BY LARGE CARNIVORES AND CONDUCT  
21 ANNUAL EMERGENCY DRILLS TO PRACTICE RESPONSES FOR LARGE CARNIVORE  
22 ESCAPES AND INJURIES TO HUMANS BY LARGE CARNIVORES. THE EMERGENCY  
23 PROTOCOLS MUST INCLUDE COMMUNICATION SYSTEMS TO NOTIFY LOCAL LAW  
24 ENFORCEMENT AND EMERGENCY SERVICES.

25 (D) IF LAW ENFORCEMENT IS NOT WITHIN A REASONABLE DISTANCE  
26 FROM THE FACILITY, CREATE A TRAINED FIREARMS TEAM. A TRAINED  
27 FIREARMS TEAM SHALL HAVE PROFESSIONAL TRAINING AND PRACTICE

1 EMERGENCY RESPONSES AT LEAST 2 TIMES EACH YEAR.

2 (E) PROVIDE AND ENSURE THE FUNCTIONALITY OF SECURITY AND FIRE  
3 PROTECTION SYSTEMS AND METHODS THAT PROVIDE A REASONABLE LEVEL OF  
4 SAFETY FOR THE COLLECTION OF ANIMALS ON A 24-HOUR BASIS, INCLUDING,  
5 BUT NOT LIMITED TO, COMPLIANCE WITH LOCAL BUILDING CODES AND AN  
6 APPROPRIATE COMBINATION OF NIGHT SECURITY, PATROLS, FIRE AND SMOKE  
7 DETECTION SYSTEMS AND ALARMS, MONITORS, AND BUILDING DESIGN  
8 FEATURES.

9 (F) HOUSE A LARGE CARNIVORE THAT IS NOT NATIVE TO A TEMPERATE  
10 ENVIRONMENT IN AN ENVIRONMENT THAT HAS CLIMATE CONTROL AND IS  
11 COMFORTABLE FOR THAT SPECIES OF LARGE CARNIVORE. AN ENVIRONMENT  
12 THAT RELIES ON CLIMATE CONTROL MUST HAVE AN EMERGENCY BACKUP SYSTEM  
13 AVAILABLE, AND ALL MECHANICAL EQUIPMENT MUST BE INCLUDED IN A  
14 DOCUMENTED PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE PROGRAM.

15 (G) ENSURE THAT THE CONDITIONS IN WHICH THE LARGE CARNIVORE IS  
16 KEPT TAKE INTO ACCOUNT ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:

17 (i) NEED FOR SPACE.

18 (ii) NEED FOR COMPLEXITY IN THE LARGE CARNIVORE'S ENVIRONMENT  
19 IN ORDER TO PROVIDE FOR THE LARGE CARNIVORE'S PHYSICAL, SOCIAL, AND  
20 PSYCHOLOGICAL WELL-BEING. THE SPACE IN WHICH THE LARGE CARNIVORE IS  
21 KEPT MUST INCLUDE PROVISIONS FOR THE BEHAVIORAL ENRICHMENT OF THE  
22 LARGE CARNIVORE.

23 (iii) CHOICE AND CONTROL OVER THE USE OF SPACE AND SOCIAL  
24 INTERACTIONS WITH OTHER LARGE CARNIVORES IN THE SAME SPACE. THE  
25 PERSON MUST BE CAPABLE OF SEPARATING A LARGE CARNIVORE FROM OTHER  
26 ANIMALS IF THE LARGE CARNIVORE EXHIBITS A DESIRE FOR SEPARATION.

27 (iv) PROTECTION FROM INJURY AND DISEASE.

1 (H) TRAIN STAFF TO RECOGNIZE ABNORMAL BEHAVIOR AND CLINICAL  
2 SIGNS OF ILLNESS AND HAVE KNOWLEDGE REGARDING THE DIETS, HUSBANDRY,  
3 NATURAL HISTORY, AND CARE REQUIRED FOR LARGE CARNIVORES UNDER THEIR  
4 CARE TO ENSURE THE WELL-BEING OF THE LARGE CARNIVORES.

5 (I) MAINTAIN A WRITTEN POLICY FOR THE ACQUISITION, TRANSFER,  
6 AND DISPOSITION OF LARGE CARNIVORES. THE WRITTEN POLICY DESCRIBED  
7 IN THIS SUBDIVISION MUST SATISFY ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:

8 (i) THE POLICY MUST COMPLY WITH ALL APPLICABLE LOCAL, STATE,  
9 FEDERAL, AND INTERNATIONAL LAWS AND REGULATIONS.

10 (ii) THE POLICY MUST REQUIRE DOCUMENTATION OF OWNERSHIP OF  
11 LARGE CARNIVORES AND ANY APPLICABLE CHAIN OF CUSTODY.

12 (iii) THE POLICY MUST ESTABLISH A SYSTEM FOR THE DOCUMENTATION  
13 OF ACQUISITION, TRANSFER, AND DISPOSITION OF LARGE CARNIVORES USING  
14 A COMPREHENSIVE INSTITUTIONAL RECORD-KEEPING SYSTEM. INDIVIDUAL  
15 LARGE CARNIVORES MUST BE PERMANENTLY IDENTIFIED AS PROVIDED IN  
16 SECTION 5.

17 (iv) THE POLICY MUST REQUIRE THE ACQUISITION OF A FREE-RANGING  
18 ANIMAL TO BE DONE IN ACCORDANCE WITH APPLICABLE LOCAL, STATE,  
19 FEDERAL, AND INTERNATIONAL LAWS AND REGULATIONS AND PROHIBIT THE  
20 ACQUISITION IF IT IS DETRIMENTAL TO THE LONG-TERM VIABILITY OF THE  
21 LARGE CARNIVORE SPECIES IN THE WILD.

22 (J) MEET ALL APPLICABLE LOCAL, STATE, FEDERAL, AND  
23 INTERNATIONAL LAWS AND REGULATIONS WHEN DESIGNATING A LARGE  
24 CARNIVORE FOR REINTRODUCTION AND RELEASE INTO THE WILD.

25 (K) SATISFY ALL OF THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS:

26 (i) SIGNS AND PROVIDES TO THE DEPARTMENT A SUCCESSION PLAN FOR  
27 THE LARGE CARNIVORES HELD BY THE PERSON. THE PERSON SHALL ALSO SIGN

1 AND PROVIDE TO THE DEPARTMENT AN AFFIDAVIT STATING THAT THE PERSON  
2 HAS THE FINANCIAL ABILITY TO CARE FOR THE COLLECTION OF LARGE  
3 CARNIVORES.

4 (ii) HAS A WRITTEN CONTINGENCY PLAN IN PLACE IN THE EVENT THAT  
5 A SIGNIFICANT DECREASE IN OPERATING INCOME OCCURS.

6 (iii) PROVIDES INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR STAFF, VOLUNTEERS,  
7 VISITORS, AND PHYSICAL FACILITIES.

8 (l) PARTICIPATE IN SCIENTIFIC, SUSTAINABLE, AND COOPERATIVELY  
9 MANAGED BREEDING PROGRAMS THAT IDENTIFY SPECIFIC AND TYPICALLY  
10 THREATENED OR ENDANGERED LARGE CARNIVORE SPECIES THAT ARE COMPOSED  
11 OF LARGE CARNIVORES OF KNOWN PROVENANCE AND PEDIGREE. A BREEDING  
12 PROGRAM DESCRIBED IN THIS SUBDIVISION MUST BE BASED ON  
13 COMPREHENSIVE PEDIGREE AND DEMOGRAPHIC DATABASES AND ANALYSES AND  
14 MUST HAVE LONG-RANGE POPULATION MANAGEMENT GOALS AND  
15 RECOMMENDATIONS TO ENSURE SUSTAINABILITY OF THE POPULATION. A  
16 BREEDING PROGRAM DESCRIBED IN THIS SUBDIVISION MUST NOT ALLOW THE  
17 BREEDING OF SPECIES HYBRIDS OR THE BREEDING OF A LARGE CARNIVORE  
18 FOR THE PURPOSE OF SELLING, BARTERING, OR TRADING THE LARGE  
19 CARNIVORE'S PARTS, AND MUST ENSURE THAT ADEQUATE SPACE TO HOUSE  
20 OFFSPRING OF A LARGE CARNIVORE IS IN PLACE.

21 (M) SATISFY ALL OF THE FOLLOWING WITH RESPECT TO VETERINARY  
22 CARE OF A LARGE CARNIVORE:

23 (i) HAS A STAFF OR ATTENDING VETERINARIAN WITH KNOWLEDGE OF  
24 THE SPECIES OF LARGE CARNIVORE HELD BY THE PERSON AVAILABLE 24  
25 HOURS PER DAY.

26 (ii) HAS A VETERINARY CARE PROGRAM THAT EMPHASIZES DISEASE  
27 PREVENTION.

1           (iii) PERFORMS ROUTINE HEALTH EVALUATIONS TO EVALUATE FOR  
2       INFECTIOUS AND NONINFECTIOUS DISEASES COMMON TO LARGE CARNIVORES.  
3       THE HEALTH EVALUATIONS DESCRIBED IN THIS SUBPARAGRAPH MUST INCLUDE,  
4       BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO, ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:

5           (A) FECAL PARASITE SCREENING.

6           (B) COMPLETE BLOOD COUNT AND SERUM CHEMISTRY.

7           (C) WEIGHT.

8           (D) HEALTH EXAMINATIONS DESCRIBED IN SECTION 6(5)(K).

9           (iv) REGULARLY VACCINATES LARGE CARNIVORES FOR INFECTIOUS  
10       DISEASES, AS CONSIDERED NECESSARY BY THE ATTENDING VETERINARIAN,  
11       AND EXCLUDES FROM ENCLOSURES WILDLIFE OR FERAL ANIMALS THAT COULD  
12       TRANSMIT AN INFECTIOUS DISEASE TO A CAPTIVE LARGE CARNIVORE.

13          (v) CONSIDERS PROCEDURES INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO,  
14       CASTRATION AND OVARIOHYSTERECTOMY, THAT WOULD BENEFIT THE LONG-TERM  
15       HEALTH AND WELFARE OF AN INDIVIDUAL LARGE CARNIVORE.

16          (vi) ADOPTS HUMANE EUTHANASIA PRACTICES AS SET FORTH IN THE  
17       "AMERICAN VETERINARY MEDICAL ASSOCIATION EUTHANASIA GUIDELINES",  
18       PERFORMS NECROPSIES ON THE DECEASED LARGE CARNIVORES TO DETERMINE  
19       THE CAUSE OF DEATH, AND DISPOSES OF A LARGE CARNIVORE AFTER A  
20       NECROPSY IN ACCORDANCE WITH LOCAL, STATE, AND FEDERAL LAW.

21          (vii) MEETS ALL APPLICABLE LAWS OR REGULATIONS REGARDING FOOD  
22       PREPARATION AND STORAGE.

23          (viii) PROVIDES A NUTRITIOUS DIET AND, TO THE BEST OF THE  
24       PERSON'S ABILITY, MINIMIZES DISEASE, NUTRITIONAL DEFICIENCIES,  
25       INFECTIONS, PARASITE INFESTATIONS, AND OBESITY.

26          (ix) MAKES WRITTEN PROCEDURES AVAILABLE TO STAFF FOR THE USE  
27       OF DRUGS FOR VETERINARY PURPOSES, AND MAINTAINS APPROPRIATE

1 SECURITY OVER VETERINARY DRUGS.

2 (N) MAINTAIN A WRITTEN CONSERVATION ACTION PLAN AND STRATEGY  
3 THAT IS PART OF A COLLABORATIVE, SCIENTIFICALLY MANAGED SPECIES  
4 CONSERVATION PROGRAM FOR EACH SPECIES OF LARGE CARNIVORE HELD THAT  
5 INCLUDES, BUT IS NOT LIMITED TO, ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:

6 (i) PARTICIPATION IN LOCAL, REGIONAL, NATIONAL, OR  
7 INTERNATIONAL CONSERVATION PROGRAMS, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO,  
8 STAFF SUPPORT OR PARTICIPATION IN FIELD CONSERVATION ACTIVITIES AND  
9 FINANCIAL SUPPORT.

10 (ii) EDUCATION AWARENESS PROGRAMS FOR GUESTS, STAFF,  
11 VOLUNTEERS, SUPPORTERS, MEMBERS, VENDORS, AND CONTRACTORS.

12 (iii) EVALUATION AND MEASUREMENT OF THE IMPACT OF CONSERVATION  
13 PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES.

14 (2) A PERSON WHO HOLDS A BREEDING LICENSE GRANTED UNDER  
15 SECTION 22B SHALL NOT DO ANY OF THE FOLLOWING:

16 (A) TRANSFER A LARGE CARNIVORE TO A PERSON THAT IS NOT  
17 QUALIFIED OR CAPABLE OF SAFELY MAINTAINING THE LARGE CARNIVORE OR  
18 ENSURING ITS WELL-BEING.

19 (B) TRANSFER A LARGE CARNIVORE TO AN ANIMAL AUCTION OR TO A  
20 PERSON THAT MAY DISPLAY OR SELL THE LARGE CARNIVORE AT AN ANIMAL  
21 AUCTION.

22 (C) TRANSFER A LARGE CARNIVORE TO A PERSON THAT ALLOWS THE  
23 HUNTING OF LARGE CARNIVORES.

24 (D) RAISE A LARGE CARNIVORE FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING FOOD,  
25 FUR, PELTS, BODY PARTS, ORGANS, OR BODILY FLUIDS, OR TRANSFER A  
26 LARGE CARNIVORE TO A PERSON THAT WILL USE THE LARGE CARNIVORE FOR  
27 ANY OF THESE PURPOSES.

1           (E) PERFORM DISFIGURING PROCEDURES, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED  
2 TO, DECLAWING AND CANINE TOOTH REMOVAL, UNLESS CONSIDERED MEDICALLY  
3 NECESSARY BY THE ATTENDING VETERINARIAN.

4           (F) REMOVE SOCIALLY OR NUTRITIONALLY DEPENDENT YOUNG LARGE  
5 CARNIVORES FROM THEIR MOTHERS FOR HAND-REARING UNLESS DEEMED  
6 MEDICALLY NECESSARY BY THE ATTENDING VETERINARIAN.

7           Enacting section 1. This amendatory act takes effect 90 days  
8 after the date it is enacted into law.