

# HOUSE BILL No. 6572

October 15, 2008, Introduced by Rep. Hune and referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

A bill to amend 2000 PA 274, entitled  
"Large carnivore act,"  
by amending section 22 (MCL 287.1122).

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

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

3           (a) An animal control shelter or animal protection shelter.

4           (b) A person licensed or approved by the department of natural  
5 resources of this state or by the United States fish and wildlife  
6 service of the United States department of the interior. This  
7 subdivision does not apply to a person in possession of 1 or more  
8 black bears under the authority of a permit to hold wildlife in  
9 captivity issued by the department of natural resources.

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

3 (d) A person approved by the association of sanctuaries or the  
4 American sanctuary association.

5 (e) A law enforcement officer acting under the authority of  
6 this act.

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

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

14 (3) Subject to subsection (2), this act does not apply to a  
15 person who meets all of the following requirements:

16 (a) Is conducting a for-profit or nonprofit business that  
17 meets both of the following requirements:

18 (i) The primary purpose of the business is the presentation of  
19 animals including large carnivores to the public for education or  
20 exhibition purposes.

21 (ii) The business is not conducted in connection with another  
22 business as a means of attracting customers to that other business.

23 (b) Is a class C licensee that possesses and maintains a class  
24 C license under 9 ~~C.F.R.~~ **CFR** 1.1.

25 (c) Meets or exceeds all standards, including but not limited  
26 to standards for training, housing, care, and transport of large  
27 carnivores, required of a class C licensee under 9 ~~C.F.R.~~ **CFR** 1.1.

1 (d) Does not allow a patron to do any of the following:

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

3 (ii) Come into close enough contact with a large carnivore over  
4 20 weeks of age so as to place the patron in jeopardy of being  
5 harmed by the large carnivore.

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

8 (f) Does not breed large carnivores.

9 (4) This act does not apply to a circus.

10 (5) **THIS ACT DOES NOT APPLY TO A PERSON WHOSE FACILITIES ARE**  
11 **ACCREDITED BY THE ZOOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA.**