

SENATE BILL No. 538

September 24, 2013, Introduced by Senator 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 **TEMPORARILY IN POSSESSION OF A LARGE CARNIVORE FOR NOT MORE THAN 45**
5 **DAYS.**

6 (b) A person licensed or approved by the department of natural
7 resources of this state or by the United States fish and wildlife
8 service of the United States 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.~~

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

(D) ~~(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) ~~Subject to subsection (2), this act does~~ **SECTIONS 3, 4, AND 6 DO** not apply to a person who meets all of the following requirements:

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

(i) The primary purpose of the business is the presentation of animals including large carnivores to the public for education, ~~or~~ exhibition, **OR CONSERVATION** purposes.

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

(b) Is a **CLASS A LICENSEE OR** class C licensee that possesses

1 and maintains a **CLASS A LICENSE OR** class C license under 9 ~~C.F.R.~~
2 ~~1.1.CFR PARTS 1 AND 2~~ AND IS APPROVED OR ACCREDITED BY 1 OF THE
3 FOLLOWING:

4 (i) A ZOOLOGICAL PARK APPROVED OR ACCREDITED BY THE AMERICAN
5 ZOO AND AQUARIUM ASSOCIATION OR BY THE ZOOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION OF
6 AMERICA.

7 (ii) A PERSON APPROVED BY THE AMERICAN SANCTUARY ASSOCIATION.

8 (c) Meets or exceeds all standards, including but not limited
9 to standards for training, housing, care, and transport of large
10 carnivores, required of a **CLASS A LICENSEE OR** class C licensee
11 under 9 ~~C.F.R. 1.1.CFR PARTS 1 AND 2~~.

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

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

14 (ii) Come into close enough contact with a large carnivore over
15 20 weeks of age so as to place the patron in jeopardy of being
16 harmed by the large carnivore.

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

19 (f) ~~Does not breed~~ **ONLY BREEDS** large carnivores **IF APPROVED OR**
20 **ACCREDITED BY THE AMERICAN ZOO AND AQUARIUM ASSOCIATION OR BY THE**
21 **ZOOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA.**

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