
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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INTRODUCED BY HOHENSTEIN, JUNE 20, 2023

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON GAME AND FISHERIES, JUNE 20, 2023

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 34 (Game) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
2 Statutes, in special licenses and permits, further providing
3 for definitions, for exotic wildlife possession permits, for
4 menagerie permits and for exclusions.

5 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
6 hereby enacts as follows:

7 Section 1. Section 2961 of Title 34 of the Pennsylvania
8 Consolidated Statutes is amended by adding definitions to read:
9 § 2961. Definitions.

10 The following words and phrases when used in this subchapter
11 shall have the meanings given to them in this section unless the
12 context clearly indicates otherwise:

13 "Direct contact." Physical contact or proximity where
14 physical contact is possible, including proximity without a
15 permanent physical barrier or a barrier with sufficient vertical
16 height designed to prevent physical contact between the public
17 and wildlife or exotic wildlife.

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19 "Ruminants." As follows:

1 (1) Even-toed ungulated mammals that chew the cud
2 regurgitated from their rumen.

3 (2) The term includes cattle, sheep, antelopes and deer
4 and their relations.

5 (3) The term does not include giraffes.

6 Section 2. Sections 2963(c) and 2964(c) of Title 34 are
7 amended by adding paragraphs to read:

8 § 2963. Exotic wildlife possession permits.

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10 (c) Unlawful acts.--It is unlawful for any person to:

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12 (5) Permit the public to feed or have direct contact
13 with exotic wildlife or wildlife, except ruminants, but the
14 exclusions under section 2965(a) (relating to exclusions)
15 shall apply.

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17 § 2964. Menagerie permits.

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22 with exotic wildlife or wildlife, except ruminants, but the
23 exclusions under section 2965(a) (relating to exclusions
24 shall apply).

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26 Section 3. Section 2965(a) introductory paragraph of Title
27 34 is amended to read:

28 § 2965. Exclusions.

29 (a) General rule.--The provisions of sections 2930 (relating
30 to propagating permits), 2962(a) (relating to exotic wildlife

1 dealer permits), 2963(a) and (c)(5) (relating to exotic wildlife
2 possession permits) and 2964(a) and (c)(5) (relating to
3 menagerie permits) shall not apply to any:

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5 Section 4. This act shall take effect in 60 days.