

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

# HOUSE BILL NO. 1264

## 98TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE KORMAN.

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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

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### AN ACT

To repeal sections 578.600 and 578.622, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof two new sections relating to mini circuses.

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*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:*

Section A. Sections 578.600 and 578.622, RSMo, are repealed and two new sections enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as sections 578.600 and 578.622, to read as follows:

578.600. 1. Sections 578.600 to 578.624 shall be known and may be cited as the "Large Carnivore Act".

2. As used in sections 578.600 to 578.624, the following terms mean:

(1) "Circus", an incorporated, class C licensee that is licensed under Chapter I of Title 9 of the Code of Federal Regulations that is temporarily in this state, and that offers skilled performances by live animals, clowns, and acrobats for public entertainment;

(2) "Department", the Missouri department of agriculture;

(3) "Division", the division of animal health of the Missouri department of agriculture;

(4) "Facility", an indoor or outdoor cage, pen, or similar enclosure where a large carnivore is kept;

(5) "Humane killing", the same meaning as such term is defined in section 578.005;

(6) "Large carnivore", either of the following:

(a) Any of the following large cats of the Felidae family that are nonnative to this state held in captivity: tiger, lion, jaguar, leopard, snow leopard, clouded leopard, and cheetah, including a hybrid cross with such cat, but excluding any unlisted nonnative cat, or any common domestic or house cat; or

(b) A bear of a species that is nonnative to this state and held in captivity;

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

18 (7) "Livestock", the same meaning as such term is defined in section 267.565;

19 (8) **“Mini circus”, an incorporated, class C licensee that is licensed under Chapter**  
20 **I of Title 9 of the Code of Federal Regulations that is temporarily in this state, and that**  
21 **exhibits or displays live animals to the public;**

22 (9) "Permit", a permit issued under section 578.602;

23 [(9)] (10) "Qualified veterinarian", a person licensed to practice veterinary medicine  
24 under chapter 340.

578.622. Sections 578.600 to 578.624 shall not apply to a circus, **mini circus**, the  
2 University of Missouri-Columbia College of Veterinary Medicine, or a zoological park that is  
3 a part of a district created under chapter 184.

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