
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO ANIMALS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 150A, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated
3 and to read as follows:

4 "§150A- Dangerous wild animals; prohibition on
5 importation. (a) No person shall import a dangerous wild
6 animal into the State except as provided in this section.

7 (b) The board may authorize, by permit, the import of a
8 dangerous wild animal for:

9 (1) A research, medical, or scientific purpose approved by
10 the board; or

11 (2) Exhibition in a government zoo or government-
12 affiliated aquarium.

13 (c) The chairperson may authorize, by permit, the import
14 of a dangerous wild animal for a period not to exceed ninety
15 days for performance in commercial filming; provided that:

16 (1) The dangerous wild animal's performance is part of the
17 scene within a production being filmed; and



1 (2) The permit includes conditions sufficient to address
2 any associated risks and to assure the applicability
3 of this subsection.

4 (d) As used in this section, "dangerous wild animal" means
5 a non-domestic animal capable of causing significant risk to
6 animal or public health and safety in the absence of containment
7 measures and safeguards, including the following animals:

- 8 (1) Lion (Panthera leo);
- 9 (2) Tiger (Panthera tigris);
- 10 (3) Cheetah (Acinonyx jubatus);
- 11 (4) Jaguar (Panthera onca);
- 12 (5) Cougar (Felis concolor);
- 13 (6) Leopard (Panthera pardus);
- 14 (7) Clouded leopard (Panthera nebulosa);
- 15 (8) Caracal (Felis caracal or Lynx caracal);
- 16 (9) Ocelot (Felis pardalis);
- 17 (10) Margay (Felis wiedii);
- 18 (11) Serval (Felis serval);
- 19 (12) Bear (all species in the family Ursidae);
- 20 (13) Wolf (Canis lupus and Canis rufus);
- 21 (14) Hyena (Crocuta crocuta);



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Report Title:

Dangerous Wild Animals; Prohibition on Importation; Exceptions

Description:

Codifies provisions of Board of Agriculture rules that prohibit the importation of dangerous wild animals into the State except for research, medical, or scientific purposes as determined by the board; for exhibition in government zoos or government-affiliated aquariums; or for commercial filming.

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